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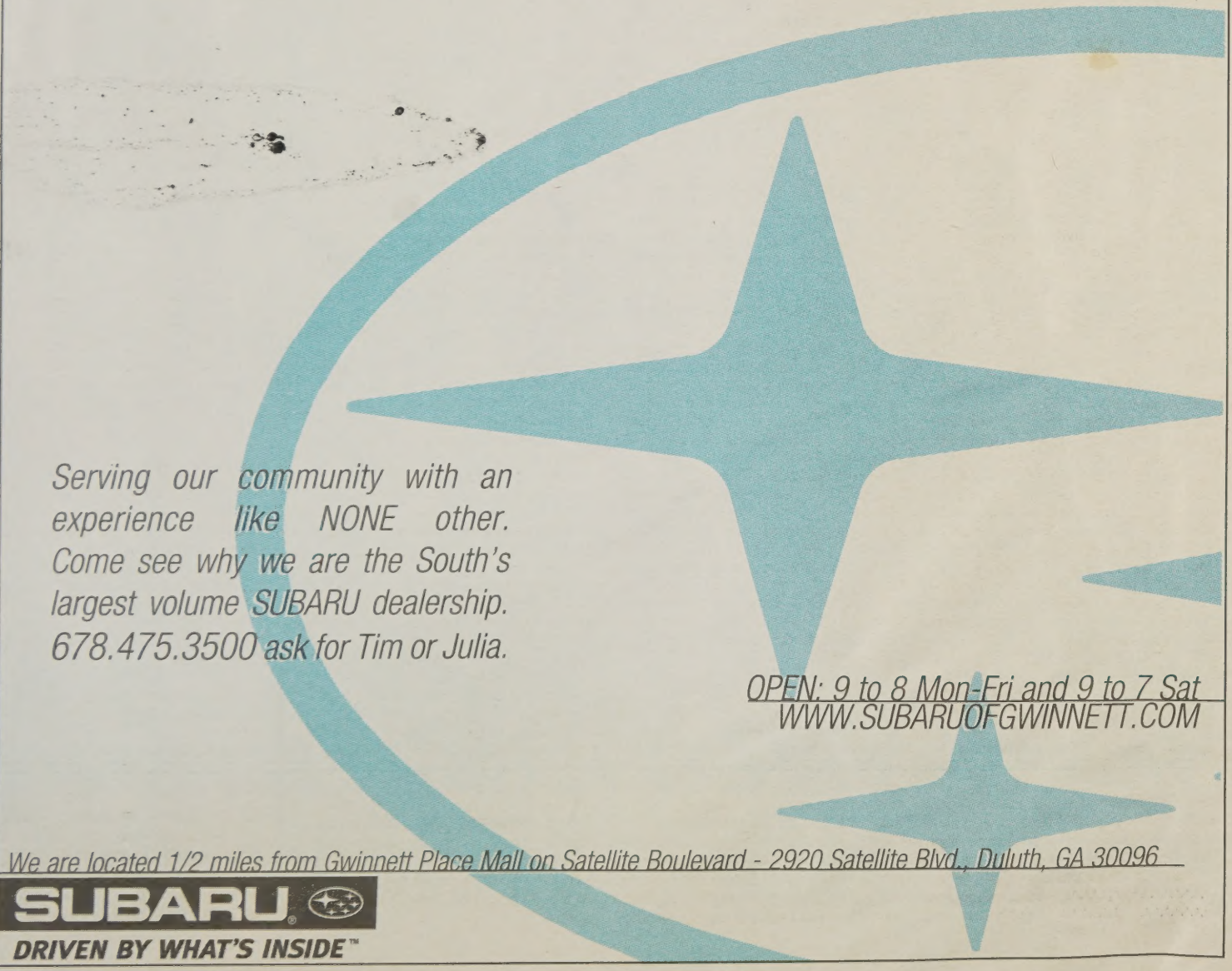

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Creating community

ZAMI scholarships honor black lesbians and gay men

By PENNY WHITE

"Without community, there is no liberation," self-described "black lesbian mother warrior poet" Audre Lorde once said.

ZAMI, an Atlanta organization for lesbians of African descent, takes Lorde's words to heart, says Mary Anne Adams, executive director of ZAMI.

"We do a good job at helping to build community," Adams says. "I think we are one of the few organizations that really reaches outside ourselves to form diverse collaborations within the community."

"Zami" is a Carriacou word meaning "women who work together as friends and lovers." The Atlanta group's name also honors Lorde, who died of breast cancer in 1992 and is well known for her "biomythography," "ZAMI: A New Spelling of My Name."

With more than a decade in Atlanta, ZAMI provides a support base of discussion, information and programming for lesbians of African descent. In February 1997, ZAMI officially narrowed its focus to promote, enhance and sustain the Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund.

Since then, ZAMI has awarded 48 scholarships of $1,000 each. The majority of the recipients are lesbians, but ZAMI began awarding scholarships to out black gay men in 2002.

On Sept. 27, ZAMI honors the 14 winners of this year's awards with its 2003 Scholarship Weekend, featuring a Saturday morning Jazz Brunch, followed by an awards ceremony that evening.

"We can show people an example of what it is like to be an out proud lesbian of African descent doing good work for the community," Adams says.

THE JAZZ BRUNCH FEATURES vocals by Lillie Huddleston and piano by Penelope Williams, and the scholarship ceremony includes keynote speaker Dr. Shirlene Holmes and performances by Lilli Lewis, ADODI Muse, Angelina Huguely, Louisa McCullough, Latonya Peoples and Rev. Antonio Jones.

During each scholarship ceremony, ZAMI awards plaques to individuals or organizations that partner with ZAMI or make significant contributions to "building community" among gays.

"I don't think we do enough of that for each other ... to acknowledge a job well done or to just to say 'thank you'," Adams says.

At the 2001 scholarship ceremony, a plaque was awarded to ADODI Muse: A Gay Negro Ensemble, the gay male performance poetry trio of Malik Williams, Duncan E. Teague and Anthony Antoine.

ADODI Muse began sponsoring one of ZAMI's Audre Lorde scholarships the following year.

"They have shown a lot of us what is possible with hard work, collaboration and commitment. What they are doing with the school fund is so important," Williams says.

An individual or group that supports ZAMI's goals sponsors each of the Audre Lorde Scholarships, and each award is named either for its sponsor or to honor a community leader.

When ADODI Muse sponsored the Tony Daniels Ally Award, named after the founder of ADODI Muse who died in 1998, Adams began rethinking the group's policy of giving scholarships only to women, she says.

"Why not give the scholarship to a gay black man who is doing significant work in the women's community?" Adams says. "A guy trying to bridge gaps, not just in terms of gender, but class and orientation as well."

THE DIVERSE WINNERS OF THIS year's scholarships come from across the United States and include three men, as well as the mother of six children, an aspiring film producer, a musician and a queer activist.

With the scholarship money from ZAMI, Andreka Brundage, recipient of the Sha Mendon Award, enroll at Agnes Scott College in Decatur.

Brundage, who wants to be an English professor, plans to use the scholarship money to help with tuition, room and board as she studies English and Women's Studies with hopes to become "equipped with the knowledge to shatter myths," she says.

With year-round activities including annual scholarships, ZAMI works to 'show people an example of what it is like to be an out proud lesbian of African descent doing good work for the community,' says **Mary Anne Adams**, executive director. (Photo by R.O. Youngblood)

Audre Lorde scholarship winners

- Sadiqua Bey Memorial Award: Kendra G. Mann
- Hannah Guishard Award: Hagar Pleasant-Bey
- Sherry Turner Award: Cristel Serena Miller
- Ruth Ellis Award: Clarice Thompson and Sharon Thomas
- Keiron Williams Hero Award: Louis Dixon
- Sha Mendon Award: Andreka N. Brundage
- Sheryl Burke Award: Leslie Johnson, Crystal S. Wiley and Tineka Johnson
- Tony Daniels Ally Award: Skyler Jackson
- Ronald Moore Humanitarian Award: Melissa Gordon
- Cherie Caldwell Award: Shayna Robinson
- Marlon Riggs Social Justice Award: Charles Stephens

MORE INFO

ZAMI Scholarship Weekend
Sept. 27
www.zami.org

- **Jazz Brunch**
11 a.m.
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- **Scholarship Awards Ceremony**
8 p.m.
First Existentialist Congregation
470 Candler Park Drive, N.E.
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notes

The Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative, led by Executive Director **Linda Ellis**, holds an 8th Annual Garden Party and fund-raiser Sept. 21 at 3:30 p.m. at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, 980 Briarcliff Road NE. 404-688-2524, www.alci.org

SATURDAY SEPT. 21

FAMILY DINNER: The Northlake Alliance of Gays Lesbians & Straights celebrates its fifth anniversary with a potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. Marc, 404-327-9633, www.geocities.com/nagsatlanta

TUESDAY SEPT. 23

LEGALLY BOND: The Atlanta Legal Aid Society, an organization for low-income persons that also serves gays and people living with HIV, holds a 'Salute to Justice' celebration with live music at 6 p.m. at Zoo Atlanta, Ford Pavilion, 800 Cherokee Ave. 404-524-5811, www.law.emory.edu/alas

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 24

RIGHTS FIGHT: Join Amnesty International's OUTfront Action Team to learn about working for gay rights from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Caribou Coffee in Emory Village, 1593 N. Decatur Road. outfront_ga@yahoo.com

DINNER PLANS: The Human Rights Campaign hosts a kick-off reception for volunteers to plan the May 2004 HRC Dinner, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Gordon Biersch Restaurant, 848 Peachtree St. NE. 404-307-4521, www.hrc.org/atlanta

FRIDAY SEPT. 26

HOLE IN ONE: Register by today for the 8th Annual 'Best Ball' Golf Tournament hosted by lesbian networking group Fouth Tuesday. The Oct. 4 tourney benefiting the group's scholarship programs begins at 1 p.m. at Brown's Mill Golf Course, 480 Cleveland Ave. SE. 770-662-4353, www.fourthtuesday.org

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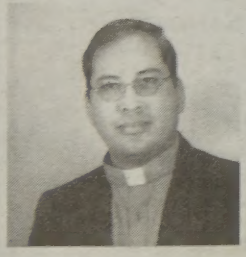
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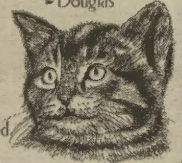
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SATURDAY SEPT. 20

ATLANTA COTILLION 2003. Twelve debutantes combine a grand Southern tradition with a fundraising twist at this elegant gala celebration of monies raised for AID Atlanta, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Four Seasons Hotel, 75 14th St. NW. www.atlantacotillion.com

ONGOING EVENTS

ASIAN PACIFIC LESBIAN BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER NETWORK. A women's and trans-women's social organization. 404-795-0680, www.aplbtn.net

ATLANTA FAMILY PRIDE. A social group for gay parents and their children to age 18. Lisa Prince, 770-640-1915, groups.yahoo.com/group/atlantafamilypride/

CHARIS CIRCLE. Monthly 'Stories for Free Children' features songs, stories and dance, at 11 a.m. Charis Books & More, 1189 Euclid Ave. NE. 404-524-0304, www.chariscircle.org

FURNITURE DONATIONS NEEDED. Furniture Bank of Metro Atlanta and AID Atlanta seek all types of used but usable furniture to distribute to HIV-positive persons. 404-355-8530, www.furniturebankatlanta.org, www.aidatlanta.org

GAY TEEN GROUP. 2 p.m. Presbyterian student center. Athens, GA. 706-546-4611 or stock@negia.net

KNOW THY NEIGHBOR CLUB. New grassroots group forming. Decatur women unite for casual dining and socializing. Ongoing events and times TBA. Carol, 404-273-5751.

LAMBDA GROUP-ATLANTA. Potluck meal. Bob and Dave Cozzoinger, 770-457-5264, groups.yahoo.com/group/LambdaGroup-Atlanta

MIDTOWN ARTISTS MARKET. 10 a.m-4 p.m. Midtown Promenade, 931 Monroe Drive. 770-913-3978

NORTH ATLANTA OWLS. Older wiser lesbians (50 +) meet for fun and friendship. Locations and activities vary. Mfinatlanta@yahoo.com

SUNDAY SEPT. 21

ATLANTA LESBIAN CANCER INITIATIVE. 8th Annual Garden Party is a fund-raiser for ALCI with music, food, wine and a silent auction, at 3:30 p.m. at Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, 980 Briarcliff Road NE. 404-688-2524, www.alci.org

NORTHLAKE ALLIANCE OF GAYS/LESBIANS & STRAIGHTS. 5th anniversary celebration with monthly potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. Marc, 404-327-9633, www.geocities.com/nagsatlanta

ONGOING EVENTS

ATLANTA FEMINIST WOMEN'S CHORUS. Non-auditioned. Celebrating strength and diversity in women through music. 3:45 rehearsal. Druid Hills Presbyterian Church. 770-438-5823 or AFWChorus@yahoo.com

BLACK LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP. 4-6 p.m. Coming out support group. YouthPride Center, 302 E. Howard Ave. Decatur, 404-370-0920

GAIA COLLECTIVE. Charis Circle's monthly all-ages, women-only conversation circle and potluck meets 6 p.m. at Charis Books & More, 1189 Euclid Ave. NE. 404-524-0304, www.chariscircle.org

LAMBDA GROUP. Family beyond the northern perimeter, and dining-out. Time varies. 770-457-5264, lambdagroup@msn.com

MONDAY SEPT. 22

ONGOING EVENTS

ATLANTA MEN FOR ALL CULTURES. Gay men from all walks of life meet at 7:30 p.m. for video night: 'Carbon Copy.' Info and map, www.AtlMenforAllCultures.org

CHARIS CIRCLE. Monthly Women's Writers Group is open to women of all ages and stages in the writing life, at 6:30 p.m. at Charis Books & More, 1189 Euclid Ave. NE. 404-524-0304, www.chariscircle.org

HOTLANTA SQUARES. Gay square dance club. Basic, mainstream and plus classes and workshops 7-10 p.m. at First MCC of Atlanta, 1379 Tullie Road. 770-329-3146, www.iagsdc.org/hotlanta

YOUNG AFRICAN-AMERICAN GAY OUTREACH INITIATIVE. Open drop-in hours for socializing from 12-6 p.m. at AID Atlanta, 1438 West Peachtree St. NW, Suite 100. 404-870-7746, www.aidatlanta.org

TUESDAY SEPT. 23

ATLANTA LEGAL AID SOCIETY. Organization for low-income persons that also serves gays and people living with HIV holds a 'Salute to Justice' celebration with cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and live music at 6 p.m. at Zoo Atlanta, Ford Pavilion, 800 Cherokee Ave. 404-524-5811, www.law.emory.edu/alas

ONGOING EVENTS

CHARIS CIRCLE. Weekly meeting of high school age women writers. 5-6:30 p.m. Charis Books & More, 1189 Euclid Ave. NE. 404-524-0304, www.chariscircle.org

GEORGIA DYKES ON BIKES. 7 p.m. Cowtippers, GeorgiaDOB@aol.com or www.georgia.dykesonbikes.org

HOTLANTA SQUARES. Gay square dance club. Advanced classes and workshops 7-10 p.m. at First MCC of Atlanta, 1379 Tullie Road. 770-329-3146, www.iagsdc.org/hotlanta

RAINBOW CENTER MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP. 12:15-1:30 p.m. Gay or bisexual men. 404-885-9776, www.therainbowcenter.org

RAINBOW GRINGOS. Gringo's Mexican Cantina donates 20 percent of sales to CHRIS Rainbow Home. Tuesdays.1238 DeKalb Ave. 404-522-8666

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 24

ONGOING EVENTS

ATLANTA MEN FOR ALL CULTURES. General meeting, open to all, at 7:30 p.m. Info and map, www.AtlMenforAllCultures.org

OUR SONG 7:15– 9:15 p.m. Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Chorus. Rehearsal, First Existentialist Congregation Church, 470 Candler Park Drive. 404-222-0443, oursongatlanta@aol.com

RAINBOW CENTER WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP. 7:30-8:30 p.m. For lesbians, bisexual, and questioning women. www.therainbowcenter.org or 404-885-9776

TEEN GROUP. Gays ages 13-17. 6:30-8 p.m. YouthPride, 107 N. Candler Road, Decatur. 404-378-7722, www.youthpride.org

YOUNG ADULT GROUP. Gays ages 18-24. 6:30-8 p.m. YouthPride, 107 N. Candler Road, Decatur. 404-378-7722, www.youthpride.org

THURSDAY SEPT. 25

CHARIS CIRCLE. Author Pearl Cleage reads from and discusses her new novel 'Some Things I Never Thought I'd Do' at 7:30 p.m. at Charis Books & More, 1189 Euclid Ave. NE. 404-524-0304, www.chariscircle.org

SOUTHERN COMFORT CONFERENCE. 13th annual conference for transgendered people and their allies runs through Sept. 28, with seminars, vendors, speakers and entertainment at Sheraton Midtown Atlanta at Colony Square, 188 14th St. at Peachtree St. www.sccatl.org

ONGOING EVENTS

ATLANTA GAY MEN'S CHORUS. Rehearsals 7 p.m. First Metropolitan Community Church, 1379 Tullie Road. 404-320-1030 or www.agmchorus.org

BOYTALK. Gays ages18-24. 6:30-8 p.m. YouthPride, 107 N. Candler Road. 404-378-7722, www.youthpride.org

CONNECTIONS. Gay relationships and personal-growth group for Georgia Tech students meets 4:30-6 p.m. in the Counseling Center, Student Services Bldg, Room 238, Georgia Tech, 225 North Ave. NW. Appointment: Jill Barber, 404-894-2575, www.counseling.gatech.edu

GET YOUR LIFE. 12-4 p.m. For young black gay and bisexual men. Georgia State, Dorchester Room. 44 Courtland St. 404-870-7746, deeperlove@aidatlanta.org

LAGENDER INC. 6-7:30 p.m. Transgender/transsexual support group in collaboration with Aniz Inc. 223 Mitchell St., Suite 200. 404-767-5644

LESBIAN READING GROUP. 404-467-4278

LGBT MOVIE GROUP. Movie followed by discussion at nearby restaurant. 404-872-0726 or rambook@aol.com

WOMYN'S GROUP. Gays ages 18-24. 6:30-8 p.m. YouthPride, 107 N. Candler Road. 404-378-7722, www.youthpride.org

YOUNG AFRICAN-AMERICAN GAY OUTREACH INITIATIVE. Open drop-in hours for socializing from 12-6 p.m. at AID Atlanta, 1438 West Peachtree St. NW, Suite 100. 404-870-7746, www.aidatlanta.org

FRIDAY SEPT. 26

ONGOING EVENTS

AFRICAN-AMERICAN OUTREACH GROUP. Young African-American gay outreach initiative hosts drop-in hours from 6-9 p.m. at the Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Center, 170 11th St. Kevin Bynes, 404-870-7746, www.aidatlanta.org

ATLANTA FREEDOM MARCHING BAND. Rehearsal 7-9 p.m. First Metropolitan Community Church, 1379 Tullie Way. 404-622-0666, www.afmb.org

ATLANTA MEN FOR ALL CULTURES. Monthly bowling night at 8:30 p.m. at Express Lanes, 1936 Piedmont Circle. Info, www.AtlMenforAllCultures.org

YOUNG AFRICAN-AMERICAN GAY OUTREACH INITIATIVE. Open drop-in hours for socializing from 6-9 p.m. at Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Center, 170 11th St. 404-870-7746, www.aidatlanta.org, www.aglc.org

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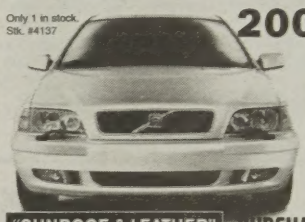

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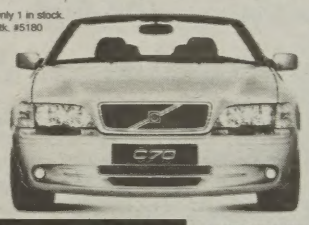

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ST. MICHAEL THE DEFENDER CATHOLIC CHURCH. 2nd anniversary celebration and reception on Sept. 28 at 9:30 a.m. in the downstairs sanctuary at Ormewood Park Presbyterian Church, 1071 Delaware Ave. SE. 404-627-7212, www.stmichaelatlanta.org

CATHOLIC

CATHOLIC SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. Sunday Eucharist, 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Mon.-Fri. 12:10 p.m. 48 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. SW. 404-521-1866, www.catholicshrineatlanta.org

ST. MICHAEL THE DEFENDER CATHOLIC CHURCH. Sunday mass 9:30 a.m. 1071 Delaware Ave. SE. 404-627-7212, www.stmichaelatlanta.org

EPISCOPAL

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL. Sundays, 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. with Holy Communion. 634 W. Peachtree. 404-881-0835, www.allsaintsatlanta.org

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY. Sundays, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m. 2089 Ponce de Leon Ave. 404-373-8338, info@epiphany.org

INTEGRITY/ATLANTA. Third Fridays, 7 p.m. All Saints' Episcopal Church, Atlanta. 770-642-3183, integrityatlanta@yahoogroups.com

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Wednesdays 12:10 p.m.; Sundays, 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m. 1790 LaVista Rd. 404-634-3336, www.stbartsatlanta.org

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Sundays 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m., and 6 p.m. 435 Peachtree St. NE 404-873-7600, www.stlukesatlanta.org

ST. PATRICK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Sundays, 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 4755 North Peachtree Road. 770-455-6523, www.stpat.net.

JEWISH

CONGREGATION BET HAVERIM. Fourth Fridays, vegetarian/dairy potluck dinner 6:30 p.m. All other Fridays, Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m. Atlanta Friends Meeting House, 701 W Howard Ave. 404-607-0054, www.congregationbethaverim.org

METHODIST

INMAN PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. Sundays, 10:55 a.m. 404-522-9322

SAINT MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. Wednesday dinner 6:00 p.m., program. 6:45 p.m.; Sundays 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. 781 Peachtree St. NE. 404-873-2636, www.stmarkumc.org

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. Sundays, 10:45 a.m. 265 Washington St. SW. 404-659-6236

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH (MCC)

CHRIST COVENANT MCC. Sundays 11 a.m.; Wednesday, choir practice 7 p.m.; Thursdays, karate classes 7 p.m. 109 Hibernia Ave. 404-373-2933, www.christcovenantmcc.org

FIRST MCC OF ATLANTA. Sundays 11 a.m. Wednesdays, Bible study 7 p.m., choir rehearsal 7 p.m., orchestra 7:30 p.m. 1379 Tullie Rd. 404-325-4143, www.firstmcc.com

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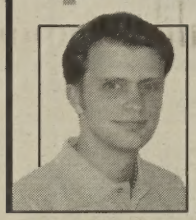

Sacred holiday brings time for reflection and atonement as gay Jews look to Congregation Bet Haverim for guidance.

Jews prepare for New Year

SUNDOWN ON SEPT. 26 MARKS THE beginning of a 10-day period of sacred personal reflection and change in the lives of Jews known as the High Holy Days.

"They are days of introspection and reflection on one's life," said Rabbi Joshua Lesser of Congregation Bet Haverim. "In the months preceding and leading up to Yom Kippur, we are encouraged to make amends in our relationships and seek out forgiveness."

Lesser, who is gay, was also recently appointed campus rabbi at Emory University.

In Atlanta, some gay Jews turn to Congregation Bet Haverim, formed 18 years ago to give them an opportunity to worship in a welcoming congregation. Bet Haverim opened with an all-gay membership, but gay Jews comprise about half of the congregation now.

The Jewish High Holy Days begin with Rosh Hashanah, two days in which Jews may repent of their sins and prayerfully seek forgiveness from God. Rosh Hashanah is also the beginning of the Jewish New Year.

Yom Kippur, or Day of Atonement, is a more serious and humbling holiday, beginning after Rosh Hashanah and following the interim Ten Days of Repentance.

Jewish belief holds that individuals must ask forgiveness three times before being absolved of their sins.

"Yom Kippur recognizes that we are on a journey of forgiveness, and the things we've done to people take a while to heal because some people can't forgive right away," Lesser said. "After three times it makes you feel like you've done all you can to seek forgiveness and make amends."

A predominant message of Yom Kippur is that each person should be grateful for life, live each day sincerely and leave no hurt feelings behind, because life could end at any time, Lesser said.

Yom Kippur is a serious holiday, but is also a time to liberate the self from spiritual and emotional baggage, he added.

"It isn't about beating oneself up ... but is really about claiming one's humanity," Lesser said.

On Yom Kippur, Jews also fast and abstain from other pursuits, including watching TV, listening to news and sexual relations. It is customary during Yom Kippur to wear white and a kittel, a white shroud-like robe.

"They are reminders that life is fragile," Lesser said.

IN BET HAVAREM'S HIGH HOLY DAYS services, the congregation uses a book of set prayers and Jewish music from around the world.

When Yom Kippur ends, Bet Haverim's congregation breaks the 25-hour fast with a potluck feast, differing from Jewish tradition in which the fast is broken in private.

Rabbi **Joshua Lesser** presides over Congregation Bet Haverim, a gay-inclusive Jewish synagogue that will soon celebrate the High Holy Days. (Photo by R.O. Youngblood)

Historically, the Jewish experience and the gay experience have parallels, Lesser said.

"For me, there's a really important message as Jews and as gay people: as a community, we are really responsible for each other," he said. "When one of us falters, it affects the entire community. We are responsible to look out for each other in a really positive way."

"No human being is an island," Lesser said. "What we've done exceptionally well as Jews and gay people is to create institutions to take care of other people."

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST Congregation of Atlanta, a non-denominational worship center, also marks the Jewish High Holy Days with a Sept. 26 Rosh Hashanah service and an Oct. 5 Yom Kippur service.

"We don't like to be thought of as a smorgasbord religion, that we just take a little bit of everything else," said David Frost, UUCA senior minister. "We don't feel that there is one sacred text or book or religious path."

UUCA's honoring of Jewish faith and tradition fits perfectly with its inclusive philosophy, Frost said.

"Our non-Jewish people are honoring the faith of the people in our community who are of the Jewish faith," he said.

MORE INFO

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guest editorial

Tina can't be tamed

From one-time thrill to life-threatening addiction, crystal meth slowly lures users into a habit that kills friendships, **destroys the person** you once were.

By STEPHEN FALLON

LET ME DESCRIBE HOW things will go when you start using crystal methamphetamines (also known as "Tina," "crank," and "ice"). Somebody will give it to you free at a nightclub or a party. They'll say that it's not exactly healthy, but that it's a fun and low-risk indulgence for an occasional weekend, just like any other club drug: ecstasy, or Special K, or GHB.

You'll try it, and you'll feel invigorated, more alive than you've felt in ages, and, well, horny. You probably won't hook up with anyone, because you're aware that you're not really thinking normally with this stuff churning through your brain. You'll decide that you handled your first experience quite responsibly.

A friend of yours, someone like me, will seem a little distant on the phone the next day or the next week. No, you hadn't realized that you'd ignored your friend, or kept him waiting for you for four hours at the club. You'll feel a little insulted that your friend is making such a big deal of one night's schedule, but you'll remember that he is your friend, and probably means well.

You won't use Tina again for a long time, or at least it will seem like a long time. Then something will happen. Maybe you'll have a tough week at work, and just want an energetic escape from your worries. Maybe you'll see some guy you like dancing with the same group that had offered you Tina the last time. This time you'll excuse yourself from your friend, just so there are no misunderstandings the next day.

This night will be even better than the first one. You'll enjoy Tina's boost with none of the first-timer's anxieties dampening the mood. You'll stay out all night, spilling out from the club to an after hours party. You'll feel happy and free. Guys will be drawn to you (and why shouldn't they be? Everyone wants to be around happy people.) You'll hug, kiss, dance and flirt.

The next night, one of your new friends will call you while you're pacing anxiously, still trying to get to sleep. You're worried that Monday morning is approaching. What if you finally get tired just when you need to be at work? Fortunately, he'll explain that a little hit of Tina can help. Of course, you won't take enough to get "high," just enough to carry you through the day. Then you can catch back up to your sleep schedule that night.

AT THE OFFICE THE NEXT DAY, THE staff meeting will seem monotonous. Everyone is plodding along in baby steps, when the solutions to the business' challenges are all laying themselves out in your mind. Why can't other people see how simple this all is? When you get home that evening, you'll call me, or a friend like me, bubbling over with enthusiasm about these new ideas. Why had you been such a follower all those years at the office? Your ideas could propel the company to new heights.

You'll be disgusted to hear a negative tone in your friend's response. He'll say that you're oversimplifying matters, and that you're not being realistic. You'll hold the phone in your hand, mouth agape, in shock. Your friend is jealous of you! Of course! He sees you moving ahead, with new friends and new career prospects, and he's feeling left behind. You'll pity him in a way.

Now you'll buy Tina every weekend, and maybe a few times each week just to keep the creative juices flowing. One time you'll take too much (hey, you can admit when you make a mistake). Sleep will evade you for three nights in a row. You'll feel like you're going crazy, bored beyond belief, as the stale nights roll by. One afternoon, crashing with fatigue but still too antsy to sleep, you'll call that old friend, out of boredom. He'll sound as weary as you feel. He'll explain that he doesn't want anything to happen to you, and that people on Tina often end up making bad choices.

You'll be disappointed that he can't just be a friend, but instead insists on lecturing you. He's obviously just trying to put you back in place below him. So you'll mouth the words of understanding. If being right is so important to him, let him have his feeling of superiority. You'll cradle the phone, and feel sad that the friendship has ended. But in a strange way, you'll also feel liberated.

LATE THAT NIGHT, ONE OF THE PARTY guys will invite you over. It will seem refreshing to be around another person with positive energy. You'll stay up with him all night, sharing philosophies and passions. You'll feel a special bond with him, and you won't be surprised when he impulsively kisses you on the balcony at sunrise. The kisses, and the sex that follows in the hot tub, are just a testament to the spiritual connection you feel with him. There won't be any condoms around, but one night certainly isn't going to matter when the world is giving you gifts of understanding and connection.

You'll make love over and over again, all morning long. Your body has become a refined machine. You don't need food or sleep. Hope and happiness provide all the sustenance you'd ever needed.

You'll be late for work that day. No problem: you'll stay late to make up the time. That night, you'll visit your friend again, apologizing for your late arrival. He'll say that he understands, and explain that he quit his own job recently. Offices and retail stores are places for small people with small ideas. He's going to open a non-profit agency, and really put his time on earth to good use, helping people. You'll feel a lump of joy in your throat, because you feel exactly the same way. You won't mind so much the next week when your own boss says that he has to let you go. You don't need an office to make a difference out there. And what does it matter that they repossessed your car? This is the electronic age; you'll just take your business ideas online. You have ideas, and energy that the world needs.

Weeks later, you'll bump into your friend leaving the nightclub just as you're heading in. He'll say that you seem to have lost weight, and you'll accept what you assume is a compliment, looking down at your rock-hard, defined abdominals. You'll be glad that you shared a moment with that old friend; apparently he's come to accept the new you. He'll linger, staring into your eyes with a sad sort of love for you. As a gesture, you'll invite him to have a drink with you, but he'll decline. And you'll turn away, absorbed into the welcoming blackness of the club.

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letters

'Innovative' promiscuity isn't so 'successful'

To the editor:

I read with interest your article on Dr. Barry Adam's paper titled "Relationship Innovation in Male Couples." ("Gay couples likely to try non-monogamy, study shows" news, Aug. 22)

Dr. Adam reported that only 25 percent of the gay couples in his study were monogamous and that 37 percent of the men interviewed were HIV positive.

Said Dr. Adam: "The gay community has their own order and own ways that seem to work better [than monogamy]."

While I agree with Dr. Adam that gay male subcultural norms support promiscuity, it's difficult to see how those norms are "better," or as he also says, "more successful," since almost two in five of his interviewees have HIV.

A subculture whose non-monogamous ways have led to 40 percent of the population being infected with a universally fatal pathogen just doesn't seem like a success story to me. And of course we don't know what other pathogens these men may be carrying.

Nor does the article, nor presumably the study, tell us whether these unfaithful men are happier than those who are true to their partners. Perhaps, Dr. Adam, who would have us believe that infidelity is "innovative," didn't care to ask.

But I have, and in my experience, the answer is no. I head an organization of men who have sex with men who reject both anal sex and promiscuity. Not surprisingly, very few of our guys are poz.

I have been out, gay, and proud for more than 30 years in Boston, New York City and San Francisco, and I was in serodiscordant relationship for 13 years. Yet I've never had a venereal disease — let alone acquired HIV.

It's been less than a month since Harvey Fierstein called for "negative gay role models" in the New York Times.

And Harvard anthropologist Dr. Edward Green, whose findings on the success of fidelity in reducing HIV prevalence in Uganda was the subject of another Times piece, and was appointed to the President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. (Please see related op-ed, Page 28)

Somehow I don't think Dr. Adam has gotten the message: When looking for success stories, gay men would do well to look among those who are faithful and well, not those who are promiscuous and sick.

BILL WEINTRAUB
Sacramento, Calif.

Ex-gays deserve our compassion, not scorn

To the Editor:

Recently there has been a great deal of smugness expressed by many gay commentators over the problems encountered by Michael Johnston, the ex-gay leader. These commentators seem to veer between pitying those entrapped in the snare of the ex-gays and branding them as evil collaborators with the enemy.

Show me someone who is gay or lesbian who claims never, not for one microsecond, to have wished that they were straight, and I will show you someone who deserves a mention in Al Franken's new book.

Many gay and lesbian people have tried dating someone of the opposite sex to test the waters of heterosexuality, and they are not usually the objects of scorn for having done so.

People who are beguiled by the false promises of the ex-gay movement do not deserve the scorn of gays either. Compassion is a better response.

I hoped for a few years that I could become straight, attending the religious meetings of an ex-gay ministry. It took some time, but I came to believe that it was God's plan for me to be gay. I have been in a committed relationship with another man for nearly 10 years now, and I have never been happier or more fulfilled in my life.

So, instead of expressing self-righteousness or glee at the "downfall" of ex-gays who may indeed be beginning to realize that it's OK to be gay, how about, "Welcome back, we missed you!"

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Will Isabel strike Robertson HQ?

To the editor:

Will Rev. Pat Robertson pray for redemption for his prediction of wrath of Orlando's gay Disney Days in light of Hurricane Isabel directing its wrath on the Virginia Beach, Va. headquarters of his ministry? This gay Floridian wants to know.

TY FRANZ
West Palm Beach, Fla.

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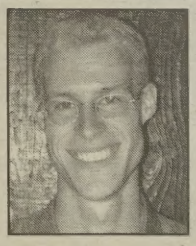
THE Q

Questions about what's going on in your world

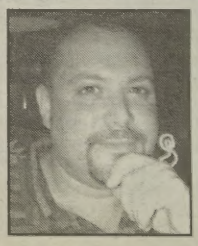
Interviews and photos by Van Gower

Southern Voice publishes its annual 'Best of Gay Atlanta' edition this week. If you could win a 'Best of ..." award, what category would it be and why?



'Best at Reading People. I'm pretty good at seeing how people respond to certain issues and how they react to certain things. And judging how they respond to those, it's pretty simple to extrapolate where they're coming from and what they're looking for.'

Jason Burns, 24
Alpharetta

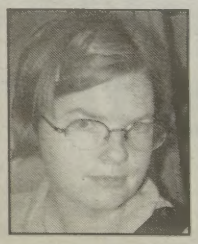


'It probably would be Best Residential Artist and Antique Restoration Guy in the Southeast. I'm always told that I'm one of the best in the Southeast, so it must be true because I've been around for about 11 years. ... There's very few people who do what I do here, and I have a real niche.'

Charles Angle, 34
Grant Park

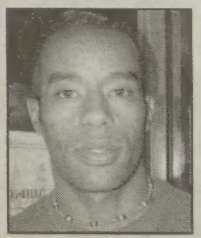
'I would be awarded Best Bartender, because every time I go to a party, I end up bartending for people. I never actually get to enjoy the party, because I'm always pouring drinks. They can't walk out.'

James McLarty, 21
Midtown



'I think I'm pretty honest, so Best of Honest People or Most Honest Person. ... It's a painfully, painfully honest quality that I have. I know, not just because people have told me, but because I've been in situations where other people wouldn't have been honest like I was.'

Karma Bennett, 23
Buckhead



'I guess it would be my intellect because I enjoy art, literature, history, things along those lines. I'm interested in it more so than anything else. I think it's because I enjoy it so much I seek it out, so I think that's the best quality that I have.'

Marcus Shannon, 34
Midtown

viewpoint BRETT GRODECK

A lot of HIV-positive guys with 'the look,' **sunken cheeks and flat asses**, are taking silicone injections, and it's hard to blame them.

Pump up the cheeks and ass

I'M SITTING IN AN ALCOHOLICS Anonymous meeting for HIV-positive gay men that's held in Hollywood, Calif.

I'm here for a refresher course on how to drink responsibly. I'm checking out the men in the room when something becomes painfully obvious: the majority of guys here — not all, but the majority — have sunken cheeks and flat asses.

Now I'm just calling a spade a spade. I see this so clearly because it's what I observe when I, too, look in the mirror. My friends call it "the look": that HIV look of sunken-in, hallowed-out cheeks, like two fallen soufflés just below the cheekbones.

Sunken cheeks and flat-ass syndrome are body-shape changes called lipodystrophy. No one knows how or why this happens, but HIV medications seem to be the prime culprit.

Whatever the cause, these body-shape changes are making HIV-positive gay men increasingly anxious about their appearance and more willing to resort to drastic corrective measures.

Imagine having "AIDS" tattooed on your forehead, that's how we feel. Gay men are vain, so becoming uglier and more sickly looking is a double-whammy.

TO COUNTERACT THESE BODY-SHAPE changes, a growing number of people with HIV are getting injections of "silicone oil" to bulk up depressed regions of their bodies. However, recent reports highlight the many dangers of injecting liquid silicone, which sometimes is industrial-grade rather than medical-grade.

Over time, however, the procedure can become disfiguring, as the silicone can migrate, change shape, or become lumpy. Once injected, silicone is impossible to remove completely and to do so causes scarring. The U.S. Food & Drug Administration repeatedly issues warnings about injecting silicone and has made the practice illegal.

The first time I realized I had "the look" was during Thanksgiving dinner at my parents' several years ago. My mother remarked that I looked "gaunt." As she passed the green bean casserole, she quipped, "You used to be so good looking."

Then there was the time I was dating a guy who also was HIV-positive. We were discussing why he hadn't disclosed his HIV to his parents. He remarked he'd never introduce me to his family because my sunken cheeks were a dead give-away about his having HIV.

Back at the Hollywood AA meeting, I run into a friend, who looks far healthier than I had ever remembered. In fact, he looks damn great. I ask about his beauty secrets. His response: a drag queen from Palm Springs.

"Not just a drag queen, but an artist who works in silicone oil," he says, explaining the queen's palette consists of a medical-grade silicone product called Silikon 1000 — already FDA-approved for treatment of detached retina. It's being used "off-label" for a variety of cosmetic procedures.

"Is it safe?" I ask.

"I had these cheeks and this ass installed over a year ago and not a single problem yet. The cheeks ran me $1,000 and the ass was $3,000," he says. "Want to feel it?"

We find a vacant bathroom stall, he drops his drawers, and I cop a feel. "Remarkable," I think. Like two perfect half cantaloupes. Not too big, not too small, not too hard, and not too soft. Just right. And so lifelike.

I'M ON THE FENCE ABOUT HAVING silicone (think: bathroom caulking) injected directly in my face, especially by someone other than a trained medical professional (think: drag queen with a needle). On one hand, there are long-term consequences, which might become disfiguring or life-threatening possibly 10 or 20 years down the road.

On the other hand, I understand the anxiety and stigma that stems from body-shape changes. It undermines the immediate quality of life. People with HIV already live with uncertainty about the future.

I'm not advising anyone to go out and get their cheeks caulked. But I also would not stop anyone either — after securing a reputable, well-trained source and considering the risks and the benefits. In the end, the quality of life today is all anyone really has; life is not a dress rehearsal. Who knows? I just might visit that friend of a friend in Palm Springs.

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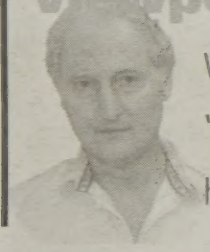
viewpoint EDWARD C. GREEN



Whether Americans like it or not, Uganda's **'love faithfully'** and 'one partner' message helped bring HIV rates down by 66 percent.

Africa has AIDS lessons for us

AS A NEW MEMBER OF THE Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, I want to respond to some comments fellow anthropologist Doug Feldman made about me in this publication. ("Critics say Bush choice for PACHA advocates abstinence," news, Aug. 22).

I have been engaged in a public debate with Feldman about AIDS for months. He recently contacted the press to make the claim that I support "fidelity only" programs and that I dismiss condom promotion as "a waste of time and money." I have never said anything like this.

My research findings from Africa have been very unpopular among American condoms-only advocates. What I found in Uganda, for example, is that HIV-infection rates were already declining before American-supported programs of condom social marketing and treatment of STDs had begun. That means something other than the standard package of interventions was probably responsible for declining infection rates.

Those who work in the AIDS prevention industry did not want to hear this.

In fact, anticipating the wrath of colleagues, I almost kept silent about Uganda. But then HIV-prevalence rates kept rising in most countries, while they continued to fall in Uganda.

WHAT WAS GOING ON THERE? WHAT I and a few other researchers willing to speak out found is that Ugandans were having fewer sexual partners, and teenagers were waiting until they were a bit older to initiate sex. Indeed, the early national response to AIDS in Uganda emphasized, "Stick to one partner," and "Love faithfully."

Yet Americans and other foreign experts had begun advising Africans that condoms were the "only proven intervention."

Condom use in Uganda's general population today is about as low as it is throughout Africa, but condom user rates are quite high (59 percent) among those men who still report having casual sex.

Let me emphasize that I am simply reporting what occurred in Uganda.

Before I first went to Uganda, I also shared the view of most my colleagues that a strategy based on reduction in numbers of sexual partners was unrealistic in poor countries where women have little power, there is a transactional dimension to sex, and polygamy abounds.

Yet when people are facing the possibility of dying, they can do remarkable things. "Love faithfully" was the main message and the main behavioral response in Uganda, and HIV prevalence fell by 66 percent, whether or not Americans approve of the way this came about.

NOW WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO with America and with gay men? I am not sure, to tell the truth.

It appears from recent surveys and op-ed articles by gay journalists and scientists that there is quite a bit of casual sex and barebacking these days, more than there was in the latter 1980s. Infection rates seem to be rising again.

What to do? Urge more condom use? This cannot be the whole solution. We now know condoms are not as protective as we once thought they were. A recent meta-analysis of many studies found that HIV seroconversion occurred in approximately 20 percent of couples who used condoms *consistently* in vaginal sex. And if anything, "condom integrity" is more challenged during anal sex.

Whatever we say about condoms, it is safer to have fewer sexual partners. There are many monogamous gay couples.

I think we all know from common sense and from personal experience that those people, gay or straight, who have less casual sex are less likely to become HIV infected.

This should not be about moralizing or curtailing anyone's sexual or political freedom. This is just the epidemiology of an infectious disease. I believe in giving people all the facts, and then letting them decide what to do.

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viewpoint LIZ MORRISON

Where's the Sapphic version of 'Queer Eye'? Lipstick lezzies could rid soccer moms of their Keds, warm up suits and those awful scrunchies.

Lesbians have queer eyes, too

PINCH ME. I MUST BE DREAMING. HOW did 2003 suddenly become the Year of the Queer?

Sodomy laws have been repealed, Episcopalians have elected an openly gay bishop, Canada is moving toward legal gay marriages and each week a different hetero shlub lets five gay guys turn him into Cinderfella.

Yes, Michael Ovitz, there is a Gay Mafia, and they've made straights an offer they can't refuse: No more Smear the Queer.

The Fab Five of "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" have created the perception that all gay men have access to an infinite pool of wisdom regarding fashion, food and culture. My gay boy buddies are being stopped on the street by anxious straight men that ask, "Does this belt work with these shoes?"

Heteros won't venture into the gayborhood anymore unless they're wearing Prada and are carrying copies of Gourmet magazine to use as cheat notes before dinner. They're concerned that they'll encounter a gay waiter who may scoff at their wine choices.

WE LESBIANS SHOULD BE GETTING some of the credit for this media frenzy. After all, six short years ago Ellen DeGeneres made 1997 the Year of Lesbian Chic, once thought to be the oxymoron to end all oxymorons.

On April 30 of that year, DeGeneres made history by having her television character, Ellen, come out as a lesbian. How shocked we all were when she came out in real life.

And suddenly, for a fleeting moment, lesbians were the new media darlings. DeGeneres and then girlfriend Anne "Call Me Crazy" Heche were bigger than life, even bigger than Ben and J. Lo. Their glorious blond faces were splashed across newspapers and magazines. Chat show hosts clamored to get them as guests.

Then, almost as quickly as it materialized, the Anne and Ellen Moment came apart. Heche went straight and then went straight to Fresno, apparently on the way back to her home planet. DeGeneres took off the Gay Icon tiara, and lesbians once again fell off the map and back into Birkenstocks, vegetarian pot lucks and "Xena: Warrior Princess" reruns.

GAY MEN HAVE ALL THE FUN. WE queer girls get saddled with straight chicks who have no idea how to play lesbians in "Kissing Jessica Stein." The gay boys, however, get the Fab Five on "Queer Eye."

In fact, according to pop culture diva Candace Bushnell, because of this new "metrosexual" phenomenon, straight men are the new gay men. Yep, the hetero everyman has traded in his Dial soap and Pert shampoo for thousands of dollars in products for his mind, body and spirit.

And five previously unknown gay men have become the Pied Pipers of food, fashion and fabulousness.

It's now OK for Joe Sixpack to get facials, manicures, pedicures, body waxes and $200 haircuts. Straight guys are even going so far as to shave their body hair to show off their muscles.

Oddly enough, gay boys, who once packed into day spas as if they were hot clubs, are shifting in a different direction. Body hair, beer guts and all around manliness have become the new gay male chic. Welcome to the bear culture where plaid is the new black.

In the meantime, we Sapphic sodomites are like the forgotten stepchildren. What about us? Where are our reality shows? We could have our own Pygmalion makeover program, "Lesbian Chic for the Straight Girl Geek" with the Fabulous Femme Five.

There are lots of lipstick lezzies out there who could show those soccer moms a thing or two about hair, makeup and lingerie. Ladies, if you want to get hot and horizontal with hubby, you need to take off the Keds and the nylon warm up suits. And for God's sake get those scrunchies out of your hair!

But that's not likely to happen anytime soon. After all, lesbians have never been known to be on the cutting edge of fashion. Unless, of course, you count the popularity of the mullet. America will never know the potential of letting Vogue-wielding dyke divas loose on the women of Middle America.

So let the boys of "Queer Eye" bask in their newfound fame. We female-loving fashionistas are ready to take on the faded terrycloth housecoats of America, if only Bravo would give us a chance.

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"I might have to move here. No, don't say that, I'll get killed for that statement."

Lesbian tennis great **Martina Navratilova**, on progress in Canada toward approving same-sex marriage (Canadian Press, Aug. 14)

"Homosexuals excel as artists, thespians and other playful, mimetic professions. Being playful is at the heart of being human. It's something that should be celebrated. You could say that homosexuals are at the pinnacle of human evolution."

Leading zoologist Clive Bromhall, speaking at the Edinburgh Book Festival, on evolutionary progress toward "infantilism," in which humans break the primate mold by being playful, creative and childlike (Gay.com UK, Aug. 15)

"I wanted to do something that would help people in the congregation face their friends in the community."

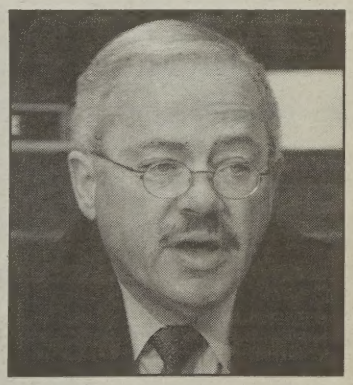
Rev. R. Samuel Williams, 63, of St. Alban's Church in McCook, Neb., on his decision to lower the flag outside his church to half-staff after the Episcopal Church confirmed an openly gay bishop (Washington Post, Sept. 15)

"[They] are some of the most supportive members of St. Alban's and have been for generations."

Linda Clark, 54, a high school English teacher, on a gay parishioner and her family whose presence in St. Alban's Church inspired her and others to raise the flag outside the church back to the top of the pole after their priest lowered it in protest over the confirmation of an openly gay bishop by the Episcopal Church (Washington Post, Sept. 15)

"The gay issue is not the real issue. The real issue is: Does the Bible mean what it says, or can you make it mean whatever you want?"

Rev. Steven R. Randall, of St. Timothy's Church in Catonsville, Md., who resigned as an Episcopal priest three weeks ago after the confirmation of an openly gay bishop (Washington Post, Sept. 15)

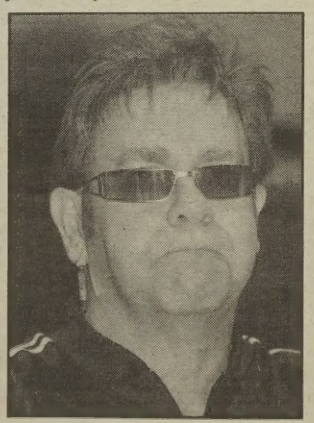


"Maybe I'm a mellower guy as I age. You'd have to ask my wife. [Laughs] I'm not a supporter of same-sex marriage, not then and not now. But perhaps being concerned about the erosion of the right of privacy and civil liberties has sensitized me. Since 9/11 the threats have become very real. I have seen very bad things happen to individuals when government wields too much power over them."

Former U.S. Rep. **Bob Barr** (R-Ga.), author of the anti-gay Defense of Marriage Act, on his opposition to a constitutional amendment banning legal recognition of same-sex marriages; he prefers to the let the question be decided state by state (Advocate, Sept. 16)

"My argument is that marriage is a union between men and women as defined through the centuries. End of argument. Period. It's just the way I've seen the issue."

Mass. Senator John Kerry, a Democratic candidate for president, backing away from his earlier explanation of his position based upon procreation as the purpose of marriage; Kerry and his wife are childless (Advocate, Sept. 16)



"I believe the sign is in front of the committee door saying you need not apply here."

Michael Long, N.Y. Conservative Party chair, taking to task Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), who is Catholic, for opposing any judicial nominees who support Vatican positions against abortion and homosexuality (Aug. 16)

"I'm a mad shredder. I get these Bibles sent to me saying 'repent now,' and I shred them."

Gay singer-songwriter **Elton John**, in an interview with gossip columnist Cindy Adams (New York Post, Aug. 20)

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Larry King's court

CNN host accused of being too friendly with anti-gay activist

By CHRISTOPHER SEELY and RYAN LEE

GAY MARRIAGE "WILL DESTROY the family, which will destroy the nation, and ... eventually have a major impact on Western Civilization," conservative leader James Dobson recently told CNN talk show host Larry King.

King featured Dobson, founder and board chair of Focus on the Family, on the Sept. 5 episode of "Larry King Live."

"Homosexuals can be, you know, committed to each other," Dobson said. "And they have freedom to behave in the ways that they do, but they cannot be a family."

Dobson's comments prompted a call to action from the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, which characterized Focus on the Family's views as "bigoted intolerance" and asked viewers to contact "Larry King Live" producers and CNN to protest the one-sided nature of the program.

"There wasn't any balance on that program because there wasn't any other voice that advocated for the LGBT community," said Chalee Snorton, southeastern media manager for GLAAD.

The publicist for "Larry King Live" declined interview requests, but did release a statement.

"We take seriously all criticism from all parties on all topics," the statement said. "CNN and 'Larry King Live' have been, and continue to be, committed to airing options on all sides of this important debate."

On Sept. 1, Larry King hosted gay actor Richard Chamberlain who talked about his 26-year relationship with a man and his coming out book, "Shattered Love," which King called a "must-read."

But "Larry King Live" repeatedly invites Dobson to be the sole, hour-long interviewee, according to GLAAD, which follows the usual format of the show.

"Dobson's been on four times in the past two years, which conveys the message that there has to be a greater amount of balance with real people that can rebuke the rhetoric espoused by Dobson and others," Snorton said.

But GLAAD's outrage at Larry King and CNN signals the gay watchdog group's own intolerance, said Glenn T. Stanton, director of social research at Focus on the Family.

"There is a new fundamentalism on the left that doesn't tolerate other voices, and this action by GLADD is an example of that," Stanton said.

Gay media activists say CNN personality **Larry King** contributed to the denigration of gays by allowing claims made by James Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family, to go uncontested on a recent show. (King photo courtesy CNN; Dobson photo by AP)

Comic goes mainstream

AFTER NEARLY A DECADE OF growing popularity online, a lesbian comic-strip character is preparing to leave the Internet closet and burst onto the pages of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

When "Jane's World" appears in print Sept. 21-27, it will mark the first time a gay or lesbian character has been the primary focus of a comic strip in a mainstream newspaper, said Linda Kuczaj, promotions manager for syndication service United Media.

"It's a female on the comics page who's not all about dieting, not all about buying swimsuits or not all about death-by-chocolate," said Jane's World creator Paige Braddock.

The premiere of "Jane's World" in the AJC marks a homecoming for Braddock, who was a graphics editor at the newspaper from 1991-98. Along with "Jane's World," the AJC is running nine other new comic strips for the week-long test period.

"We're trying to find new readers," said AJC Comics Editor Frank Rizzo. "I deliberately went out of the way to find strips that appeal to younger readers and Atlanta's gay population."

The gay content in "Jane's World" is subtle, but not hidden, Braddock said. Jane is a lesbian living in a straight world, and most of the jokes come from her interactions with other characters.

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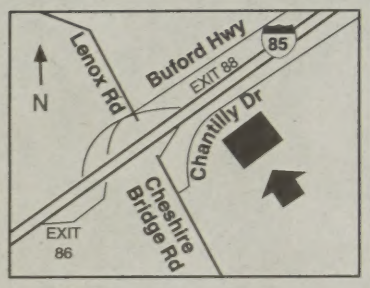

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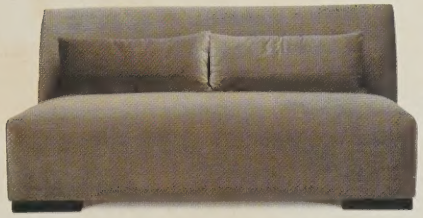

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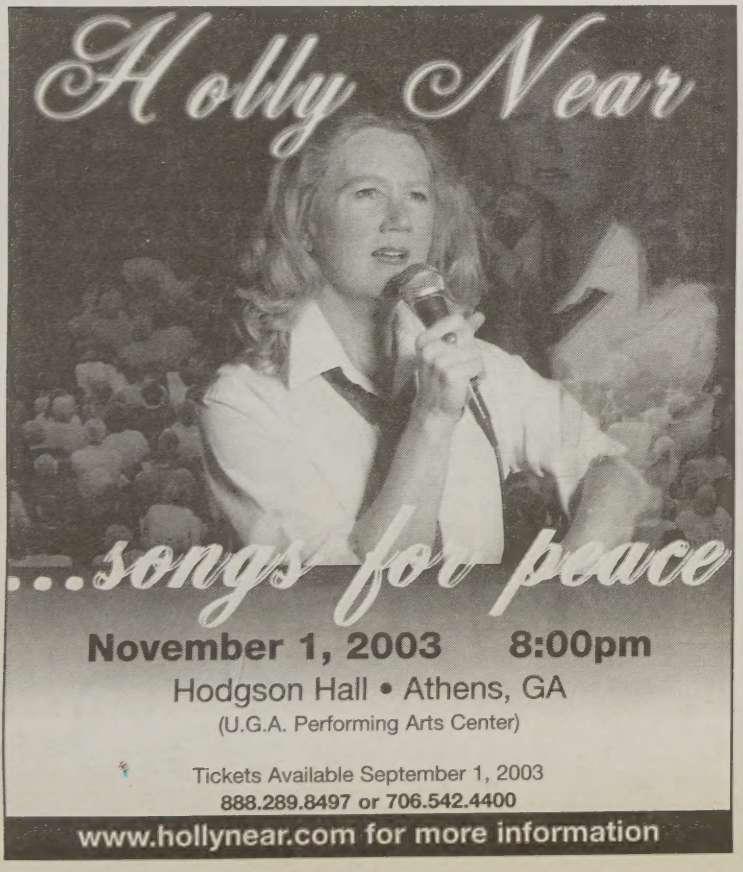

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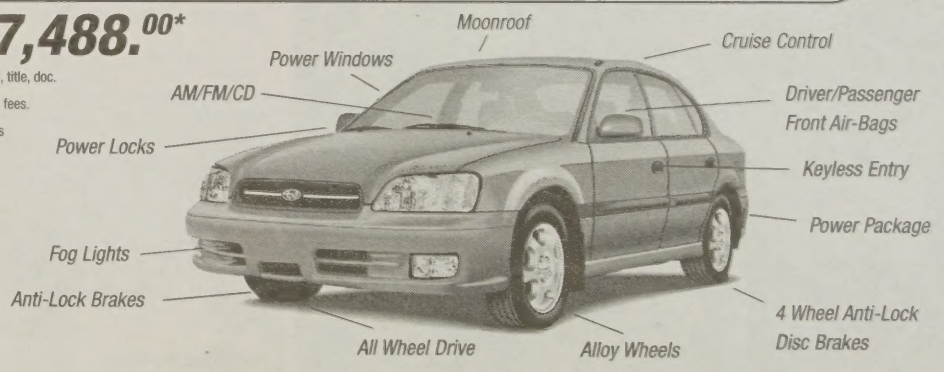

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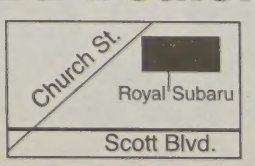

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He may only live in Atlanta part-time, but **Elton John** still ranks first as the city's Best Male Local Musician. (Photo by AP)

Best Female Musician
Readers' Choice: **Jennifer Nettles**

Born and raised in Georgia, Jennifer Nettles honed her musical skills in the lesbian-rich Atlanta music circuit and expanded her sound to encompass a variety of styles. Now lead singer for country band Sugarland, Nettles seems poised for stardom. Coming in at second is longtime lesbian favorite **Kristen Hall**, now also a member of Sugarland, with a tie at third between the equally memorable **Alice Muson-Wood** and **Michelle Malone**.

Best Male Musician
Readers' Choice: **Elton John**

Elton John might only spend a few nights a year in his lofty Buckhead apartment, but he remains the musical pride of our town. Pop's Rocket Man invoked an easy listening renaissance in the late nineties that should last for a long time into the future. New kid on the block **John Mayer** is a welcome second choice. With his Abercrombie good looks and earnest songwriting, he captures hearts who will hopefully forgive him for recently moving to New York City.

Best Concert Venue
Readers' Choice: **Chastain Park Amphitheatre**

Get out your picnic table and chilled bottle of Merlot for concerts at Chastain Park Amphitheatre. This Atlanta high note continues to draw folks from all over the metro area for a welcome summer evening of live music in an intimate outdoor setting. **Philips Arena** is a close second with its line-up of superstar performances. The **Tabernacle** and Little Five's **Variety Playhouse** tie at third place.

Best Radio Station
Readers' Choice: **Q100**

Atlanta's premier pop radio channel is the top pick on the dial. With the city's only openly lesbian DJ Melissa Carter and her cohorts on "The Bert Show," the station shows it is fully in tune with the city's gay demographic with open discussions of gay topics intertwined with the latest in pop, R&B and radio rock. Easy listening fave **"Star 94"** and new rock powerhouse **"99X"** share the number two spot.

Best Theatrical Company
Readers' Choice: **Peachtree Playhouse**

No surprise here — when you sell out shows months in advance, you're obviously doing something right. Gay couple John Gibson and Anthony Morris, co-creators of the "Veranda" trilogy, recently saw their comic "Peachtree Battle" become the longest running play in Atlanta history. Some may call their material sitcom-like, but these guys know their audiences better than anyone. Second place was **Actor's Express** with **Neighborhood Playhouse** third.

Best Live Theater Venue
Readers Choice: **Ansley Park Playhouse**

When Peachtree Playhouse began selling out every performance, John Gibson and Anthony Morris had to open another location, the viewer-friendly Ansley Park Playhouse. There the duo has staged a number of popular shows since its 2002 opening. A big plus to this second venue is more manageable parking and easier accessibility. Second place went to the **Fox Theatre**. **Actor's Express** and **Whole World Theatre** tied for third.

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Best Female Artist
Readers' Choice: **Daphne Covington**

Forget that tired old stereotype that all artists are temperamental and moody. It definitely doesn't apply to Daphne Covington, who ranks tops with our readers. She admits to being carefree and whimsical, qualities that find their way into her acrylic, chalk and wax works. The self-taught Covington's only technique is to dive right in and get started, and the art will gradually reveal itself.

As critics and fans continue to hurl the compilation band **Sugarland** into greater popularity, band members and lesbian favorites Jennifer Nettles and Kristen Hall topped the reader list for local female musician. (Photo courtesy Gellman Management)

Best Male Artist
Readers' Choice: **Shannon Lake**

Artist Shannon Lake's abstract, surreal and sometimes contemplative art adorns the walls of Red Chair Restaurant & Video Lounge. And since our readers know the greatest places to be seen, they also know that's the greatest place for Lake's art. Grab a cocktail and see for yourself why our readers call him tops.

Best Art Gallery
Readers' Choice: **High Museum of Art**

With a history dating back to 1905 as the Atlanta Art Association, the High Museum of Art got its name when Mrs. Joseph M. High donated her family's residence on Peachtree Street in 1926 as a permanent home for the museum. Since that time, many works of art have settled at the High, as well as traveled through, including the current Ansel Adams and Edward Hopper showing through Oct. 26. In addition to art, the High also offers Friday Jazz on the third Friday of each month. **Fay Gold Gallery** took second place. Third place was a five-way tie between **GA MOCA, Trinity, Spruill Gallery, Aliya, 2 Galleries, Momus, Eye Drum,** and **Matre Gallery**.

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Male Local Hero
Readers' Choice: **Jim Marks a.k.a. Bubba D. Licious**

SoVo readers' local male hero is a familiar face — or two. By day, Jim Marks serves as chief financial officer and director of operations for the NAMES Project Foundation, keepers of the AIDS memorial quilt. By night, Marks transforms into camp drag legend Bubba D. Licious, tirelessly raising money for HIV related causes. Second place went to U.S. Rep. **John Lewis** (D-Ga.), a civil rights legend long known for his support of gay rights. Third place was a tie between **Allen Thornell**, Georgia Equality executive director; **Bill King**, former nurse at the Gay & Lesbian Center clinic; Fulton County Commissioner **Robb Pitts**, sponsor of a successful bill granting domestic partner benefits to county workers; and Dr. **David Reznick** of the Grady Infectious Disease Program.

Female Local Hero
Readers' Choice: **Shirley Franklin**

For the second consecutive year, Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin is our readers' female local hero. A no-nonsense politician known for accessibility, Franklin continues to welcome gays to her political table — supporting a gay tourism initiative, visiting gay organizations and speaking at Gay Pride. Second place went to **Donna Narducci**, executive director of Atlanta Pride; lesbian Q100 DJ **Melissa Carter** took third.

Atlanta Mayor **Shirley Franklin**'s gay-inclusive policies earned her top honors for Best Politician and Female Local Hero. (Photo by Trina O'Connor)

Transgender Activist
Readers' Choice: **Dana Brown-Owings**

When the Georgia General Assembly held hearings over the summer on a statewide civil rights bill, Dana Brown-Owings was there. Owings, a technical service representative at IBM, told legislators how her employer accepted her as she transitioned from male to female, but many more transgendered

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Atlanta's Rainbow Trout swimming team was voted the city's best gay sports team by Southern Voice readers. (Photo by Sher Pruitt)

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people aren't as lucky. But Brown-Owings, director of operations for Trans=Action, is doing everything she can to change that. In addition to working for transgender rights on the state level, her advocacy helped IBM adopt a landmark gender identity non-discrimination policy in 2002. A tie for second place includes **Monica Helms** and **Sir Jesse** of Decatur.

Best Politician
Readers' Choice: **Shirley Franklin**

Another win for Mayor Shirley Franklin: The popular Atlanta leader takes first place from SoVo readers as both our best politician and female local hero. Even when she's not on the campaign trail, Franklin continues to reach out to gay constituents she credited with helping vote her into office. Second place goes to U.S. Rep. **John Lewis** (D-Ga.). Third place winner **Cathy Woolard** became the state's first openly gay elected official when she won the Atlanta City Council's District 6 seat in 1997; in 2001, she was elected City Council president, the city's second-highest elected office.

Up & Coming Business Person
Readers' Choice: **Brad Williams**

With his restaurant sweeping three categories in our restaurant balloting, it's no surprise that SoVo readers voted Brad Williams, owner of Red Chair Restaurant & Video Lounge, as the city's best up-and-coming business person. Williams took a great concept — an restaurant and bar more upscale than many gay venues — and added enough extras, like the delightful ban on indoor smoking, to keep packing in patrons. **David Diehl** placed second; **Gary Sissyon** placed third.

Most Dynamic Couple
Readers' Choice: **Marc Yeager & Roger Levine**

Together for five years, Marc Yeager and Roger Levine come from opposite sides of the political spectrum to become SoVo readers' most dynamic couple. Yeager is perhaps best known to gay Atlantans as president of the Georgia Log Cabin Republicans. Levine served as a campaign volunteer for U.S. Rep. Denise Majette, a Democrat from Atlanta. The couple has a long list of volunteer activities. Yeager serves on the national board of Log Cabin and is a 2003 graduate of the Coverdell Leadership Institute; Levine is co-chair of Lutherans Concerned Atlanta and a board member for the Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network; both are also active with their church. Second place from SoVo readers goes to **John Gibson** and **Anthony Morris**, of Ansley Park Playhouse and Peachtree Playhouse, while **Tim Wright** and **Tommy Field** took third.

Most Effective Non-Profit
Readers' Choice: **Pets Are Loving Support**

Pets matter to SoVo readers, who named Pets Are Loving Support as the city's most effective non-profit agency. Known for creative fund-raisers like the popular monthly theme bingo, PALS helps people with HIV and other serious illnesses keep their pets by providing aid with food and veterinary care. **AID Atlanta**, the city's oldest and largest AIDS agency, took second place; **Project Open Hand**, which provides meals to people with HIV and other conditions, won third.

Best Church
Readers' Choice: **St. Mark's United Methodist Church**

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walking the parade route for Pride. For years now, St. Mark's boasts an "our doors are open to all" policy and an active gay membership, so it comes as no surprise that it's the church of choice for our readers. **First Metropolitan Community Church** was voted second and **Oakhurst Baptist** placed third.

Best Gay Sports Team
Readers' Choice: **Atlanta Rainbow Trout**

Whether competing in swimming and water polo meets around the country or hosting the hilarious "Splash" competition at the Piedmont Park Pool during June's Gay Pride festival, the Atlanta Rainbow Trout wins the love of SoVo readers, who voted the group as the city's best gay sports team. Woofs' Wackers, a team in the gay **Hotlanta Softball League**, took second place, while the **Atlanta Team Tennis Association** — hosts of annual Labor Day weekend Peach Tennis Tournament — took third.

Biggest Gay Rights Win
Readers' Choice: **Sodomy decision**

Readers agree: The biggest gay rights win of the year — in fact, of decades — came June 27, when the U.S. Supreme Court overturned sodomy laws around the nation and affirmed gay citizens' privacy rights in the case of Lawrence v. Texas. "The state cannot demean their existence or control their destiny by making their private sexual conduct a crime," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote in the majority opinion. Activists hope the precedent could eventually pave the way for gay marriage. Second place from SoVo readers went to the **Fulton County Commission**'s recent approval of domestic partner benefits for county workers; in a nod to the power of pop culture, third place is **Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."**

Issue Needing More Attention
Readers' Choice: **Civil unions**

Vermont shouldn't be the only state where gay couples can have most of the legal rights of marriage, according to SoVo readers who voted civil unions first on the list of issues needing more attention. Vermont's landmark civil union law lets gay couples have all rights of marriage under state law, though they still aren't recognized under federal law. Now more than 20 years into the HIV epidemic, our readers voted finding a **cure for AIDS** as second on the gay agenda. Third place went to the fight for equal **adoption rights** for gays, a critical issue with thousands of children languishing in foster care around the country.

Arrested for violating Texas' ban on same-sex sodomy, **John Lawrence** and **Tyron Garner** took their fight to the U.S. Supreme Court, winning a stunning victory that knocked out sodomy laws around the country. (Photo by AP)

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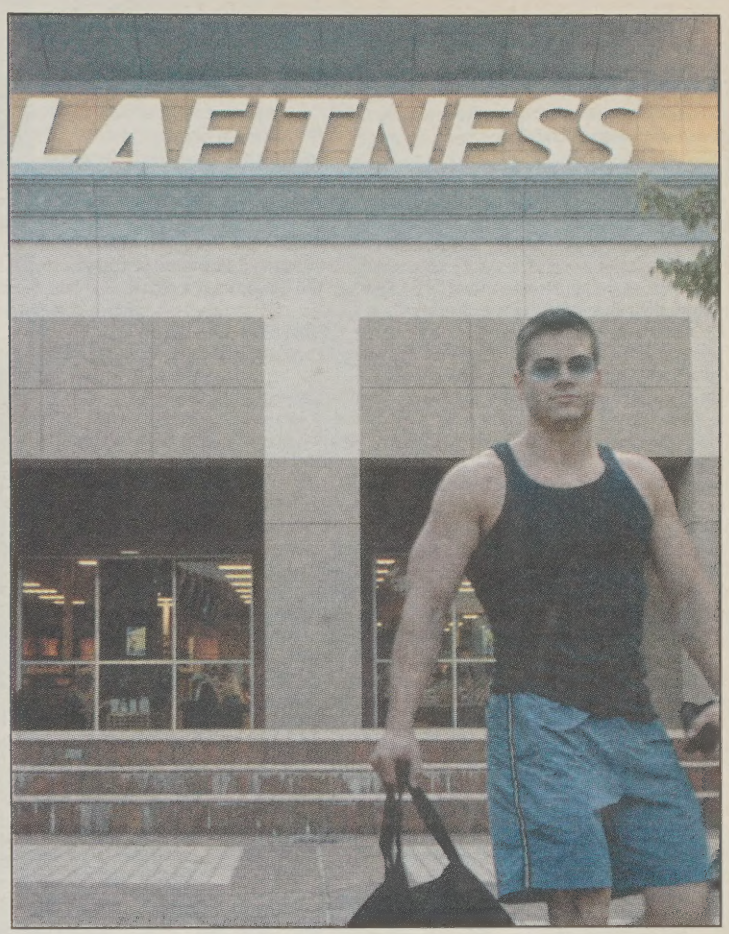

It didn't take long for the **LA Fitness** outlet in Midtown to dominate the area's scene for gay gym-goers. Readers recognized that and named it 'Best Gym.' (Photo by R.O. Youngblood)

Best Day Spa
Readers' Choice: **Spa Sydell**

Who among us couldn't use a little pampering? How about an entire day of it? Spa Sydell offers customized facial treatments body treatments, nail services, make-up application and consultation as well as hair removal. Along with these services and products, it has Spa Packages at affordable prices: a half-a-day of pampering goes for $140 and includes a facial, body massage and/or manicure/pedicure with spa hand treatment. A Deluxe Spa Day includes a body scrub plus one additional selected service for $300. Second place went to **Natural Body**. Third place was a three-way tie between **Cobalt**, **Cortex** and **Julio Ceasars**.

Best Chiropractor
Readers' Choice: **Rudy Watkins**

Chiropractic is a venerable 'alternative' form of medicine. By keeping the spinal column in alignment, the rest of the body maintains its optimal function. Most chiropractors take a holistic approach to administering to their patients, keeping them well and happy without medications — simply using what the body already has naturally. **Rudy Watkins** was voted best chiropractor in Atlanta, with **Scott Belue** in second and **Patrick Greco** in third.

Best Massage
Readers' Choice: **Cristi Adams**

Everyone loves to have their back kneaded, their neck loosened and their entire body stroked, and there's no shortage of great massage options in Atlanta. At least our readers think so, as 11 bodyrubbers tied for third place on this list. But above them all were champion masseuse **Cristi Adams** and second-place finisher **Gustavo Morales**.

Best Hair Salon
Readers' Choice: **Helmet Hairworx**

A location in the heart of Midtown is just one of the reasons Southern Voice readers love Helmet Hairworx. Customers can rest assured that a team of profes-

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sionals will take the time for cuts and styles as unique as the patrons themselves. If they're booked, the runner-up salon is **Cortex**. **Salon 2000** and **Steve Hightower** tie for third place.

Best Gym
Readers' Choice: **LA Fitness Factory**

In just one year, LA Fitness at Ansley Mall became the most popular place to work out in town. Its membership is a steal — about $35 a month covers everything — and the club features what it touts as the largest workout floor around. Members are a decidedly mixed crowd as well: Patrons range from 77-year-olds with physical trainers to pro athletes to, of course, gay male workout gods. In second place was **Urban Body Fitness**, followed by **Fitness Factory**.

Best Pet Day Care
Readers' Choice: **Piedmont Bark**

Going out of town and need your beloved canine companion cared for? Or maybe you just don't want Fido to be bored while you're at work. According to our readers, the best place in town is Piedmont Bark. One look at the facility's Web site is enough to tell you why. A personal message from Sebastian Campbell, C.O.D. (Chief Operating Dog) extols Piedmont Bark's virtues: simulated indoor park-like settings complete with trees and park benches, designated run areas, clean kennels for sleeping and eating and an experienced staff. **Barking Hound** came in a close second, with a three-way tie for third place between **Critter Sitters**, **Play All Day** and **Pets Are People Too.**

When it comes to pets, gay owners chose **Piedmont Bark** as gay Atlanta's best doggie daycare. (Photo courtesy www.piedmontbark.com)

Best Piercing Studio
Readers' Choice: **Piercing Experience**

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Best Tatoo Studio
Readers' Choice: **Sacred Heart**

With multiple artists and varying styles to choose from, it's no wonder that Sacred Heart Tattoo's two locations — Little Five Points and Norcross — stole readers' hearts. Choices for tattoos range from spiritual and gothic to utterly outlandish. But all are colorful, vibrant works of art created by the artist of your choice. **Psycho** took second place, and **Timeless Tattoo** took third.

Best Tanning Salon
Reader's Choice: **Simply Sun Tanning Salon**

Nothing quite says gay like a fake tan to go with a killer body. That's why Southern Voice readers had no difficulties narrowing down the field to name Simply Sun the best place in the city to meet their bronzing needs from head to toe. The race was close, with **Ansley Beach** finishing second and **Malibu Beach & Tanning Salon** taking third.

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Whether it's for food or to be scene, **Red Chair Restaurant & Video Lounge** is a favorite gay spot. (Photo by R.O. Youngblood)

Best Brunch
Best Overall Restaurant
Best Place to Be Seen
Readers' Choice: **Red Chair Restaurant & Video Lounge**

When Red Chair opened in Atlanta almost two years ago, the gay-owned venue made a splash by offering an affordable gourmet menu that immediately attracted a largely gay clientele. And beyond traditional dinners and lunches with tasty American fare, gays in need of Sunday sustenance flocked to the establishment for brunch as well. The fact that patrons could walk the few steps after dinner from the dining room into a smoke-free bar with large video screens and arguably the cutest gay crowd in Atlanta made Red Chair that much more popular. The menu and kitchen staff was tweaked some after the restaurant's inception, but the place continues its success with a crowd every day for lunch and dinner as well as a jam-packed nightlife scene into the wee hours. Runner up for best brunch went to **Java Jive Coffeehouse & Cafe**, and readers chose **Flying Biscuit Midtown** for third place. For best overall restaurant, Metrotainment Cafes' **Cowtippers** and **Joe's On Juniper** took second and third. Runners up for best place to be seen were **Joe's On Juniper**, **Cowtippers** and **Commune**.

Most Romantic
Readers' Choice: **Float Away Café**

Spending a little more on a sweetheart is no object for readers who know a special meal goes a long way. The venerable fine dining at Float Away Café, tucked quietly in a warehouse district near the intersection of Briarcliff Road and Johnson Road, tops the list of romantic getaways for dinner. Now known as "the Float Away Buildings," the area fills up in the evening with pricey cars and well-dressed diners on their way to a meal that many deem worth every penny of the price tag. White tablecloths, flawless service and memorable palate pleasers are on the menu here. Second place was a tie between **Cowtippers** and **Mali Restaurant**.

Most Trendy
Readers' Choice: **One Midtown Kitchen**

Leave it to gay diners to identify and descend upon the most fashionable places to eat. When One Midtown Kitchen chose Midtown for its location and dressed it up with a high-design décor and a delicious menu, the crowds weren't far behind. Don't even think about sweeping in and out at One. The restaurant became the undisputed hip, happening place to be for dinner in 2003. Meals become almost secondary to the people watching. The sometimes-long wait for a table affords patrons a chance to relax at the bar see and be seen by Atlanta's elite. **Red Chair Restaurant & Video Lounge** came in second, and **Aria** Restaurant took third place.

Best Dessert
Readers' Choice: **Metrotainment Bakery**

The venture that started it all for the Metrotainment Cafes continues to anchor the menus at each of its nine area eateries. Metrotainment Bakery builds its reputation on such delicacies as coconut cream cake, specialty cheesecakes and other delights in portions big enough for a large party to share. Sweets lovers can stop by the group's bakery itself, or remember that any stop at gay-popular Metrotainment

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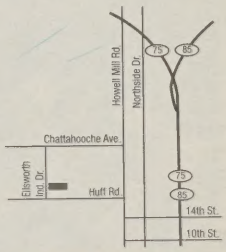

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spots Einstein's, Cowtippers and Joe's on Juniper is not complete without at least a taste of these showstopping, sugary treats. **Café Intermezzo** stole readers' hearts for second place, and **Red Chair** snagged third.

Best Value
Best Late Night
Readers' Choice: **Joe's On Juniper**

When it comes to cheap eats with a few hundred of your closest gay friends, Joe's is an obvious choice. Good old burgers, sandwiches, meat-and-three combinations as well as salads — all for under $10 — make this venue tops with Southern Voice readers. Conveniently located in the heart of Midtown, Joe's always-busy patio is never short on sassy waitstaff, pop music and a feel-good vibe for winding down after work or winding up before a night on the town. On special nights, diners can enjoy live trivia challenges and piano sing-a-longs that only serve to strengthen the ambiance. For best value, second place went to Roasters Rotisserie, and Moe's Southwest Grill and Eats tied for third. For best late night, gay-owned **Disco Diner** and **Mom & Pop's** tied for second place with **Dunk'n Dine** Restaurant.

Best All-occasion Standby
Best Patio
Best Intown
Readers' Choice: **Cowtippers**

For the second year in a row, readers are giving props to Metrotainment Cafes' Cowtippers, which offers traditional steak dinners, burgers and chicken dishes at an affordable price. Throw in a baked potato or side item and a drink or beer from the bar, and the place has the recipe for success. Judging by the crowds on the patio every lunch and dinner hour as traffic whirs by on Piedmont Avenue, Cowtippers may be the most popular gay spot outside the bars.

Readers chose Cowtippers' sister venues Einstein's and Joe's On Juniper for second-place patio, and high marks for all-occasion standby went to Joe's and Roasters Rotisserie. Second place for best intown restaurant went to Commune, and third place saw a four-way tie between Joe's, Red Chair, Agnes & Muriel's and Agave Restaurant.

Best Coffeehouse
Readers' Choice: **Starbucks at Ansley Mall**

Following the Seattle coffee explosion of the 1990s, gays gather at coffee shops in growing numbers, whether to relax with friends, catch up on some reading or to get a jolt of caffeine before heading out for the evening. The Ansley Mall location of the national chain Starbucks Coffee Company — with its rich blends and familiar atmosphere — eked out victory over locally gay-owned **Outwrite Bookstore & Coffeehouse**. Both venues

When the weather is good, there's no better space to relax, eat and people watch than the large deck at **Cowtippers**, a favorite standby for gay diners throughout metro Atlanta. (Photo by R.O. Youngblood)

are comfortable territory for Southern Voice readers looking to down a cup and mingle with fellow gays.

Caribou Coffee Midtown took third place.

Best Outside the Perimeter
Readers' Choice: **Goldfish**

Nestled outside the hustle and bustle of inner city life, suburban Southern Voice readers proclaim Goldfish as Atlanta's best restaurant outside I-285, the unofficial divider between cityfolk and easier living.

The seafood restaurant is one of the busiest spots among several popular eateries adjacent to Perimeter Mall. With lunch and dinner hours as well as a menu priced comparably to other nice seafood haunts, the convenient location for suburbanites may be good enough to warrant a drive from intown dwellers. Amid a chain restaurant haven, suburban gays picked **Red Lobster** for second place honors, and **Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen** tied for third place with both locations of **Stoney River Legendary Steaks**.

Best Fast Food
Readers' Choice: **Chick-fil-A**

Despite criticism over the conservative religious views of founder Truett Cathy, Southern Voice readers are still drawn to the singular flavor of the sandwiches and waffle fries at Atlanta-based Chick-fil-A.

Even as some gay activists boycott the multiple-location eatery, others can't resist. Fast food giant **McDonald's** and the burritos at **Moe's Southwest Grill** tied for second place.

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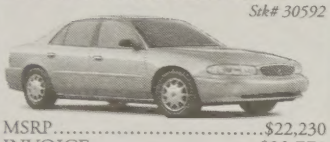

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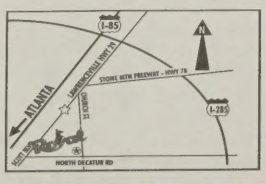

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Best Dance Club

Readers' Choice: **Backstreet Atlanta, Blu (tie)**

Backstreet Atlanta and Blu tied for top honors. Blu has built a strong reputation in the Southeast as the premier venue for circuit beats and popular party DJs. The club's spacious dance floor, buffed up crowd and convenient Midtown location makes this an all-round favorite. Backstreet Atlanta is still "always open and pouring" despite its recent battle with neighborhood complaints and legal challenges. This gay entertainment complex is known in and outside of Atlanta for its multi-level dance floor, cabaret performances and pool tables that make Backstreet the ideal club to either finish your Saturday night or to simply get your evening started. A strong runner-up in this category is the **Heretic**.

Best Local DJ

Readers' Choice: **Eric Stecker, Kim Crawford (tie)**

Atlanta continues to be a hotbed for DJ talent. This year's Hotlanta circuit event featured not only some of the best international DJs, but also some debuting local performers. Sharing the number one spot for Best Local DJ are Eric Stecker and Kim Crawford. These dance beat heroes have been sweeping audiences off the floor with their uplifting anthems and pulsating beats. **DJ Randy** makes a worthy contender at second place.

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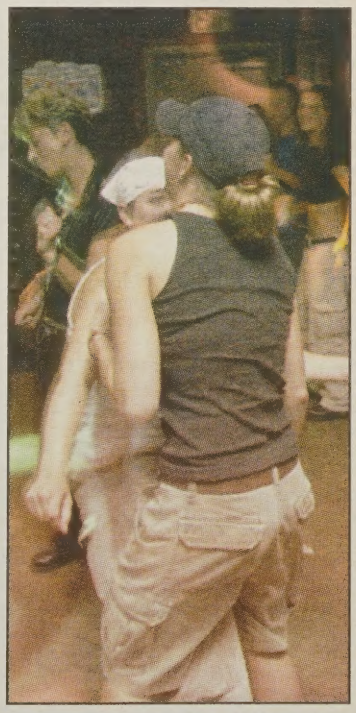

For the second year in a row, readers chose **My Sisters' Room** as Atlanta's top choice for lesbian nightlife. (Photo by R.O. Youngblood)

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It's still 'always open and pouring' at **Backstreet Atlanta**, the city's largest gay bar and SoVo readers' choice for Best Dance Club. (Photo by R.O. Youngblood)

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Best Club for Live Music
Readers' Choice: **Eddie's Attic**

No wonder that John Mayer got his start at Eddie's Attic. This Decatur joint is a favorite hotspot for local songwriting talent. Both debuting musicians and seasoned pros frequent the Attic with their pleasant jams and storytelling sessions. In second place, eleven50 has done an outstanding job at presenting Atlanta's urban chic a groovy line-up of alternative electro and live dance acts, including Fischerspooner, Tiesto, Deep Dish and even brat Kelly Osbourne. **The RedLight Café** is an unknown gem to many, just a few doors down from the **Red Chair Restaurant & Video Longe** on Amsterdam Walk. Its daring choice of world music, folk and bluegrass is worth discovering.

Best Male Bartender
Readers' Choice: **Michael Pearson** and **Tim Wright, Red Chair**

Your choice for the ATL's best male bartender was a tie between two of Red Chair's men — Michael Pearson, he of the dark hair, sexy eyes and friendly personality, and Tim Wright, an Atlanta icon who has been a bartender for as long as anyone can remember. Runner up was **Vaughn Ritschel** of The Oscars Atlanta.

Best Female Bartender
Readers' Choice: **Kim Brown, Red Chair**

A bartender at Red Chair since it opened, Kim Brown was your top choice here. With a knack for remembering a face and — most importantly — for remembering your drink of choice, Brown makes a fun place even more comfortable. Runner-up was **Andrea Pinel-Wheaton** of Joe's on Juniper with **Anna Ragghianti** (formerly of Blake's, now with "Girls Night Out" events) third.

Best Bar Outside the Perimeter
Readers' Choice: **Le Buzz**

It took a while to really catch on, but now Le Buzz is truly a happening nightspot. Located just off on I-75 in Marietta, it doesn't feel like a Cobb County environment inside, with friendly bar staff, mixed crowds, nighttime shows and spirits galore. Tied for second were the quintet of **Goldfish, Val's, Scorpio's, American Pie** and **Face's Lounge**.

Best Happy Hour
Readers' Choice: **Red Chair**

With its ambience, friendly staff and bartenders, non-smoking atmosphere,

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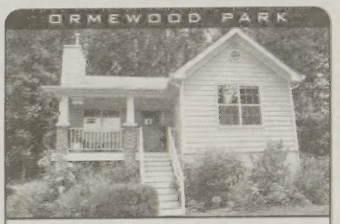

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Two bartenders from Red Chair Restaurant & Video Lounge— **Tim Wright** and Michael Pearson — topped the balloting for 'Best Male Bartender.' (Photo by R.O. Youngblood)

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and complimentary buffet on Wednesday, Red Chair is your choice for the best place to go unwind after a day of work and have a cocktail — or two or three. It's also the place to be seen locally. The runner-up was **The Oscars-Atlanta** with **Blake's on the Park** your next fave.

Best Drag Queen
Best Drag Show
Readers' Choice: **Bubba D. Licious**

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Bubba D. Licious

is your choice as the city's pre-eminent drag entertainer. No matter where Bubba is, or more precisely, whatever fund-raiser she is hosting this week, it's still the place to be for the evening. Tied for second in the Best Drag Queen category were Alexandria Martin, **Charlie Brown** and **Mary Edith Pitts**. Backstreet Cabaret was your second choice for Drag Show with the **Armorettes** third.

Best Drag King
Readers' Choice: **Justin**

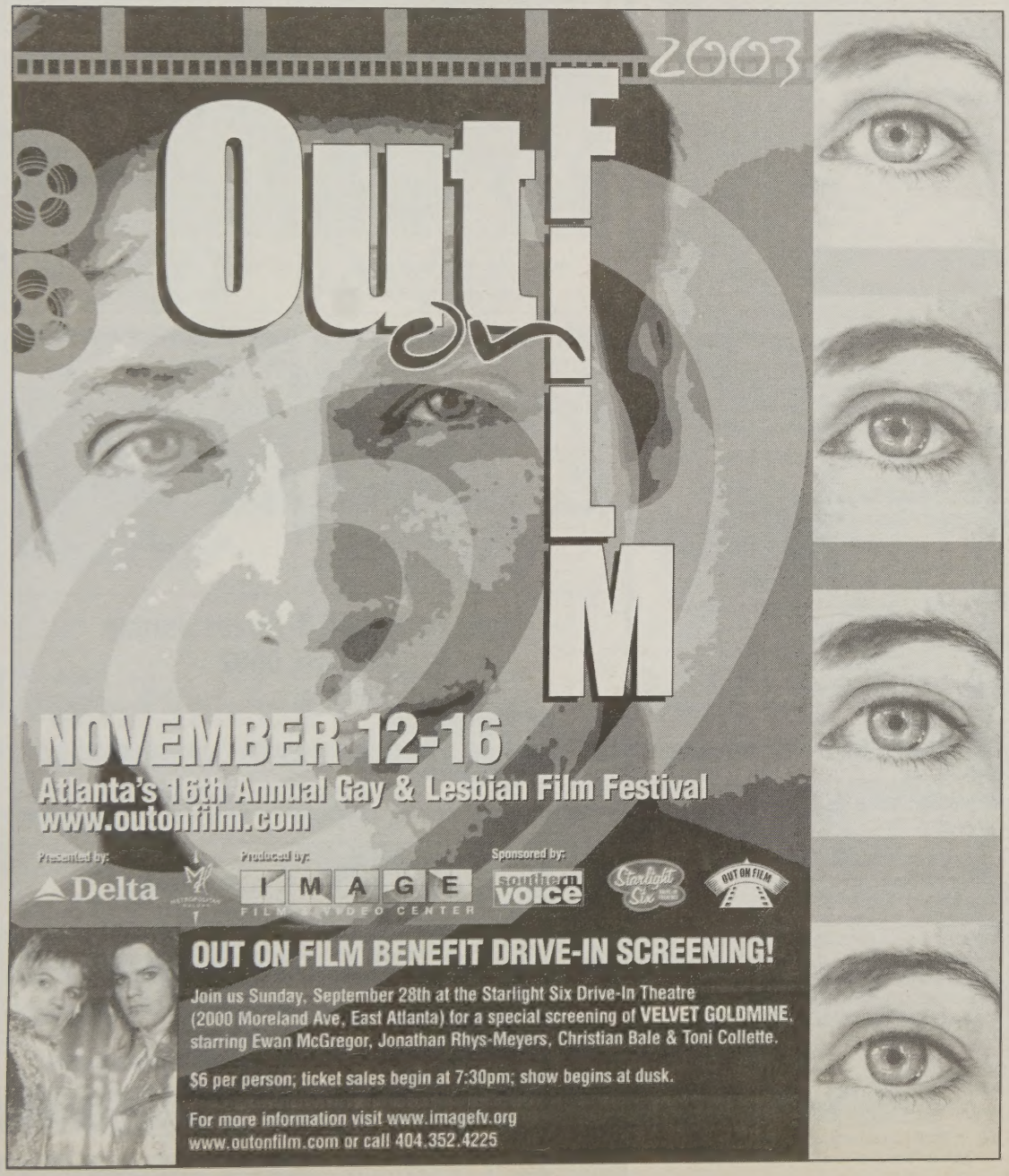
With the long and colorful history of drag queens, it should be no surprise that the new millennium has brought us drag kings — gender-bending women who perform as comfortably onstage in a three-piece suit and tie as queens in evening gowns. Drag king shows are raging like wildfire across the country, including in Atlanta with My Sister's Room and Zami playing host to some of the best entertainment. Number one for best drag king was **Justin**. Second place was a five-way tie between **Toby, Kane, Zach, Al Schlong** and **Shase**.

Best Neighborhood Bar
Readers' Choice: **Mary's**

The neon red "M" near the corner of Glenwood Avenue and Flat Shoals Road in East Atlanta Village serves as a beacon for alternative gay guys and their laid back brethren who make Mary's the natural choice for a neighborhood vibe all week long. From '80s retro tunes and original videos to the quirky Brady Bunch décor and get-to-know-you layout of the place, Mary's draws an eclectic crowd to its Tuesday night karaoke as well as its hip, happening late night fun on Fridays and Saturdays. Readers chose **Miss-Q's** and **Joe's on Juniper** in a tie for second place.

Best Place to Meet Women
Best Lesbian Bar
Readers' Choice: **My Sisters' Room**

Southern women at their finest amid a welcoming atmosphere help make My Sisters' Room the favorite place for women who love women to meet in the Atlanta area. The lesbian-rich suburb of Decatur is home to this "parlour and garden" with its one-of-a-kind rustic look, including an enormous covered patio and quirky lawn. Sisters' offers a place to start out with a new love, spend time with a longtime sweetie, and get to know a woman better from the dance floor to the shadowed backyard gazebo. Coming in at second for best place to meet women is Hoedowns, especially on Thursday nights. Tied at second for best lesbian bar are **Miss Q's** and **Tower II**.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Most Romantic First Date
Readers' Choice: **Apres Diem**

The mixed crowd of trendy gays and gay-friendly 20-somethings at Apres Diem ("After the Day") is a longtime draw for Midtown gays. With affordable eats, low lighting and comfy couches, it didn't take long to figure out this is the perfect spot for an intimate get-to-know-you powwow. A full bar, rich desserts and flavorful coffee make it a place the two of you can while away the whole night. **Gilbert's Mediterranean Cafe**, **Pasta da Pulcinella** and **Piedmont Park** tied for second place.

Most Fun First Date
Readers' Choice: **Atlanta Braves game**

Baseball, hot dogs — and a potential new love. What more could a good gay American ask for? The casual and relaxed atmosphere at a Braves game is a good fit for that first getting-to-know-you outing. Whether gay Atlantans prefer the cheap seats and some one-on-one conversation, or the crowds and a better view to root for the home team, a Braves baseball battle can bring any two new lovers up onto their feet, cheering for more. Coming in at second is **Martini's at IMAX**, with **Cowtippers** taking third place.

Best Getaway Weekend
Readers' Choice: **Savannah, Ga.**

Dubbed Georgia's "First City," Savannah offers historic charm and plenty of gay sights, sounds and fun. It's just far enough away from Atlanta to be a getaway, but close enough for comfort. A number of Savannah neighborhoods are comfort zones for gays, from the Historic District to Baldwin Park. Coming in second was **Charleston**, with a third-place tie between **Rivers Edge** and Savannah neighbor **Tybee Island**.

Best Commitment Ceremony Location
Readers' Choice: **Atlanta Botanical Gardens** and **Piedmont Park**

Nature wins out when gay Atlantans tie the knot. The rich horticulture of the botanical gardens and the rolling hills of Piedmont Park provide a popular backdrop for making that lifetime commitment. Formal or casual, small or elaborate, commitment ceremonies surrounded by natural beauty only enhance the beauty of two people committed for life. Tied for second place are the **Park Tavern** and the state of **Vermont**.

Best Place to Take Your Kids
Readers' Choice: **Zoo Atlanta**

Whether Heather has two mommies, two daddies or any other combination, Southern Voice readers know kids love Zoo Atlanta. The Grant Park oasis has everything a kid could ask for in a field trip — animals of every stripe (including those adorable pandas) in native habitats, as well as a petting zoo, train ride, merry-go-round, plenty of snacks, exciting storytellers and animal shows, even a safety-conscious playground. Second place went to **Piedmont Park**, with two fun playgrounds (and plenty of eye candy to keep queer daddies and mommies amused); third went to the **Center for Puppetry Arts**.

Something about **Piedmont Park** inspires romance, which might be why it was chosen by readers as the best place for a commitment ceremony. (Photo by R.O. Youngblood)

Best 18 & Up Hang-Out
Readers' Choice: **Outwrite Bookstore & Coffeehouse**

With so much of the gay social scene centered around bars, it's hard to be under age and gay. That's why readers are glad Atlanta has places like **Outwrite Bookstore & Coffeehouse**. Whether talking at the inside tables or crowding the tiny corner patio, gay teens have their own scene at this hip gay bookstore. Second place was a five-way tie between 18 & up **Blu** and **La Chapparel**, as well as **Dragonfly**, **Hotlanta Squares** and **YouthPride**, the gay youth center in Decatur.

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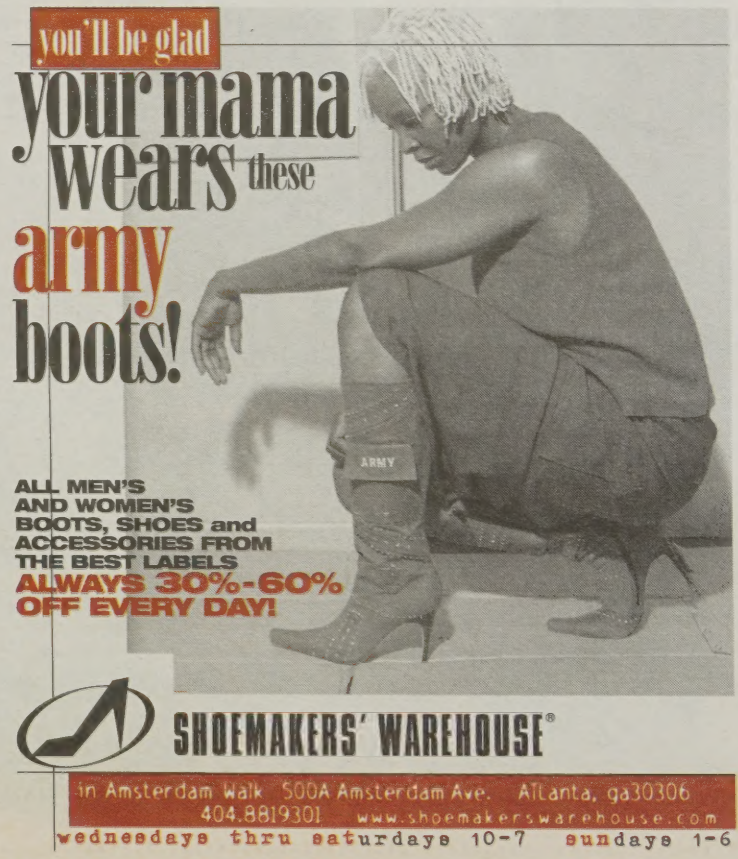
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Forget 'Queer Eye for the Straight Guy.' If you're a gay guy and need a fresh look, head to **Boy Next Door**. Readers named it 'Best Clothing for Men.' (Photo by R.O. Youngblood)

Best Music Selection
Readers' Choice: **Tower Records**

Tower is undisputedly the ultimate music empire with its exhaustive collection of CDs and vinyl. Its new location provides the store with more space to browse and convenient parking options. Additional touches are the store's staff picks and listening stations aplenty. The combination makes Tower a great place to discover new music. Second place is **ED's Gourmet Records**, and third is **Brushstrokes**, a large gay "variety" store with a nice choice of queer favorites.

Best Used CD Selection
Readers' Choice: **Tower Records**, **ED's Gourmet Records** and **Wuxtry**

Tower ties local favorites ED's Gourmet Records and Wuxtry for used CDs. In the age of downloading music from the Internet, these stores continue to fill a void with their distinct collection of rare and local classics in both digital and vinyl formats. If you are looking for that first issue of "YMCA" or Shelby Lynn's debut album, you might get lucky at any of these three hotspots.

Best Clothing for Men
Readers' Choice: **The Boy Next Door**

A gay Atlanta institution, The Boy Next Door offers fun clothes, fair prices and exemplary customer service. Readers agree that there's nowhere better to pick up a new dress-to-impress outfit than this conveniently-located store, open every day of the week. **Universal Gear** was your second choice, with **Rich's** third.

Best Clothing for Women
Readers' Choice: **GAP**

It's good enough for Madonna, so it's no wonder the GAP is also a favorite among women of all styles. From butches to femmes, Atlanta dykes can find just the right attire to suit any occasion at the ultra-hip GAP. The fact that Gap, Inc. supports funding for organizations that fight HIV/AIDS makes shopping here a pro-gay political choice, too. Tied at second are **Banana Republic** and **Target**.

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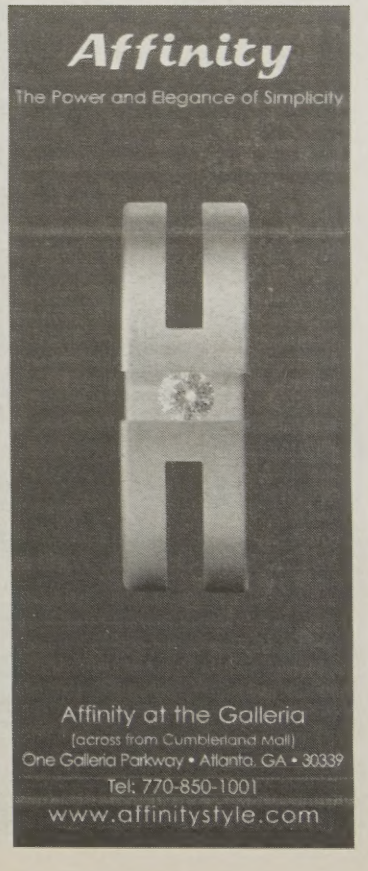

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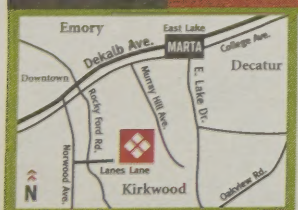

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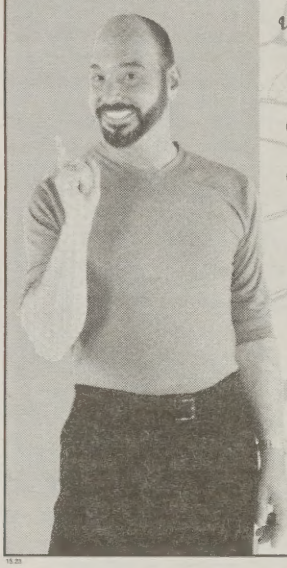

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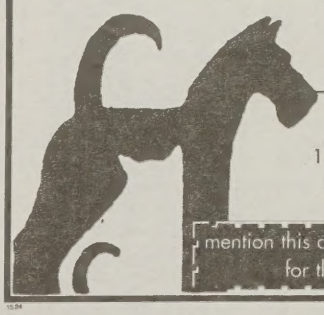

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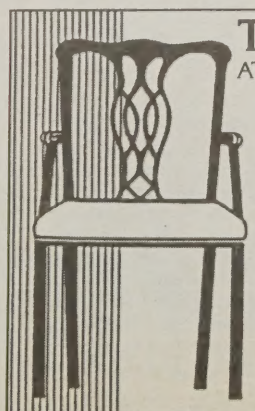

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but costumes are rentable for a three-day period. Second place went to **Junkman's Daughter** with **Costumes, Etc.** at third.

Best Wine Selection
Readers' Choice: **Ansley Wine Merchants**

The candles are lit, the table set and the flowers are aesthetically pleasing. Oops! Don't forget the wine for that special date. Not to worry. Just stop in at Ansley Wine Merchants at the intersection of Monroe Drive and Piedmont Avenue in Ansley Mall. The selection ranges from inexpensive Spanish wines, beginning at $5 per bottle, to high-end burgundies, bordeaux and champagnes in the $150 to $200 range. They also carry imported and domestic beers and offer a knowledgeable staff willing to help make the perfect selection. Second place went to **Barrelman Wine Club**, and **Kroger Ansley**, **Eno Wineshop** and **Murphy's** tied for third place.

Best Home Furnishing
Readers' Choice: **Intaglia**

From sophisticated sofas to chic wine racks, Intaglia is filled with must-have pieces. Located in the Amsterdam Walk, Intaglia is a bit pricey, but Southern Voice readers don't mind paying for quality and comfort. Buckhead's **Interior Dimensions** — loaded with modern designs, a stunning showroom and a wide selection of items — tied for second place with **Rooms to Go**, with multiple locations in the Atlanta area.

Best Antique Shop
Readers' Choice: **Lakewood Antiques Market**

Thousands of treasure hunters hit the Lakewood Antiques Market the second weekend of each month, searching for priceless antiques and eclectic junk. From rare coffee tables to retro rags, it's all here — but there's a $3 cover for the weekend. **Tara Antiques** on Cheshire Bridge Road and Midtown's **Vineyard Antiques** offer a more homey atmosphere and both are open seven days a week, making shopping more convenient.

Best Jewelry Store
Reader's Choice: **Worthmore Discount Jewelers**

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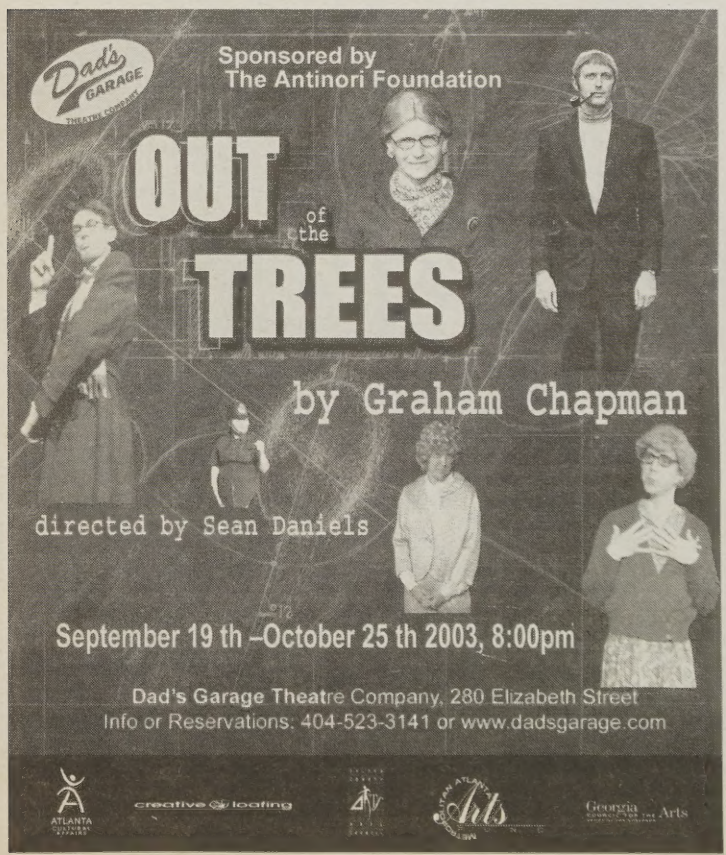
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Keeping 'Watch'

Lesbian creator of 'Dykes to Watch Out For' celebrates 20 years with new compilation

By LAWRENCE FERBER

In the past, people apparently had to watch out for dykes.

"When I first started out, [gay] people were really hungry to see themselves represented in a comic strip," reminisces Alison Bechdel, creator of comic strip "Dykes to Watch Out For." " I think that's really changed a lot, with every other show on TV being about gay people."

As a result, Bechdel worries that demand for her work will wane. But with 20 years of strong characters, dramatic situations, sharp dialogue and current political issues that remain hallmarks of the strip, the cartoonist shouldn't worry.

"Dykes and Sundry Other Carbon-Based Life-Forms to Watch Out For" (Alyson Publications) is Bechdel's tenth and latest collection of the popular comic series. By virtue of the time they took place — 2000-2002 — this collection is also one of the most tumultuous: the "non-election" of George W. Bush, the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the subsequent war on terrorism.

These national events — plus affairs, interrupted civil unions, naked parents, unexpected pregnancies and professional crises — are echoed and shrewdly skewed in the lives of bookstore propreitor Jezanna, frisky Lois, androgynous Mo, her girlfriend Sydney, frustrated attorney Clarice and girlfriend Toni, as well as gay friend Carlos and neurotic Ginger.

Keeping with the times, Bechdel adds children, transsexuals and non-gay relationships (notably between self-identified lesbian Sparrow and heterosexual Stuart) to watch out for.

BECHDEL, 43, LIVES IN Vermont with her partner of 10 years. She says that she never imagined the strip would last so long.

"It doesn't feel like I've been doing it for 20 years," Bechdel says. "It kind of goes by like that. I feel like I'm just starting out."

Cartoonist **Alison Bechdel** draws herself, but don't look for autobiographical information in her strip 'Dykes to Watch Out For,' which marks its 20th anniversary in a newly released compilation.

On an artistic level, Bechdel is more cinematic with compositions than when "Dykes" started, she says.

"I'm certainly putting a lot more effort into my drawing, and I work a lot with a digital camera to get these more dramatic camera angles," she says. "I used to get friends for models, but I alienated everyone, they got sick of it. Especially my girlfriend. So now I use a tripod and automatic shutter and do it myself."

But the goal of the strip remains the same as always, to "reflect what's happening in the culture in the world," Bechdel says.

"As trends and things fall away in real life, they fall away in my comic strip," she says. "For example, the women's bookstore where many of my characters worked for years and years just closed. That whole culture has gone, but something new has come in."

Character Clarice actually becomes paralyzed by the Bush-Gore election, and Bechdel used "Dykes" to partially work through her own feelings about the situation, she says.

"I feel kind of lucky that I have this outlet of the comic strip, because I just let it flow through me," Bechdel says. "I do get upset and outraged, but I have something to do it in. So I feel it hasn't been that destructive personally."

Not that the cartoonist doesn't have her own strong feelings about the president, she says.

"I'm just amazed every day at

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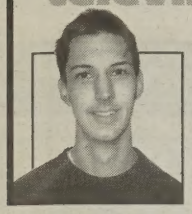

Chances of survival look good for new talk show starring **Ellen DeGeneres**, thanks to amusing host and good ratings.

Talk that's more than chatter

MOST GAY TELEVISION VIEWERS were anxious about the arrival of Ellen DeGeneres' new syndicated daytime talk show because many are fans of the ground-breaking comic — and because this may be DeGeneres' last shot at the big time.

After coming out on national television to huge ratings and scads of media attention, DeGeneres faced two failed sitcoms. She turned it around as host of the 2002 Emmy Awards and did a spectacular job. But with her track record, the success of her talk show may determine whether her career can advance or she will be just one more B-list face on "Hollywood Squares."

According to the ratings for the program's Sept. 8 premiere, the show got a 6 percent share, which means 6 percent of the television sets in use were tuned to DeGeneres. The program also showed a 17 percent increase in viewers from the previous show in that time slot and a 5 percent improvement in ratings over the program that aired before the show.

Those numbers mean that people change the channel specifically to watch DeGeneres, which is a very good sign.

THE REAL QUESTION IS WHETHER or not the show is going to survive. As the Magic Eight Ball would say, "All signs point to yes."

"I think the show will be one of those high watermarks of daytime television and a franchise that will continue for years to come," says Jim Perratore, an executive vice president at Telepictures, which produces the DeGeneres show and formerly produced the "Rosie O'Donnell Show."

Being a lesbian with a talk show, viewers may compare DeGeneres' endeavor to the smashing success of O'Donnell, which went off the air in May 2002.

Actually, "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" is more like the love child of O'Donnell and Jay Leno. Ellen pairs the opening monologue and comedy bits of Leno with the cute celebrity chatter of O'Donnell.

"When we started with Rosie, we tried a more joke-driven monologue, and it didn't work," Parratore says. "The show got more traction when she started telling more stories about her life. That plays right to Ellen's strength.

"She's an observationalist and she looks at the mundaneness of everyday life that is funny to us," he adds.

DeGeneres' interview style is a bit more befuddled and chummy than O'Donnell's over-the-top fawning, but it is still funny and informative. What the audience doesn't have with DeGeneres — that O'Donnell enjoyed — is a personal connection. We don't yet know who Ellen is or what Ellen likes — well, other than women.

Ellen DeGeneres has a reason to look victorious, with projected success for her talk show and a win in thumb wrestling against **Jennifer Aniston** on the show's premiere episode. (Photo courtesy of Telepictures)

"I think it's understood that people understand that she is a lesbian, but I don't think it's going to enter the picture," says Stephen Tropiano, author of "The Primetime Closet" and an expert on gays on television. "She needs a much bigger audience."

Paratore agrees.

"The show is not about her gayness or her lifestyle," he says. "The audience knows she's gay, and she's not hiding anything, she's just doing her show."

DEGENERES MINED THAT KNOWLedge for the funniest bit of her show so far. On the second day of broadcast, she had Justin Timberlake on the show. Talking about his breakup with Britney Spears, DeGeneres said, "I wouldn't know what it's like. It must be horrible to go through such a public breakup."

With a subtle allusion to Anne Heche, DeGeneres tapped her personal life for chuckles, did it spontaneously and it worked.

With good comedy, good interviews, and a personal connection to the audience, Ellen may have her best shot at lesbian superstardom yet.

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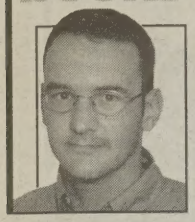


Annual books festival offers diverse writers at **Night of 100 Authors**, introducing readers to fresh works.

Gay authors celebrate literature

FOR THE SECOND YEAR, NEXT week's Atlanta Literary Festival celebrates the wealth of writers, books and poetry that the city has to offer.

In addition to book sales, forums and workshops, bookstores around Atlanta host appearances by authors of every magnitude at the Sept. 25 Night of 100 Authors.

The event offers readings at various venues across the city, and gay authors as well as gay-owned bookstores are part of the mix.

Celebrated lesbian author Pearl Cleage visits Charis Books & More to read from and sign her latest work "Some Things I Never Thought I'd Do." Considered an expert on race and gender issues, Cleage brings to the novel themes of sisterhood, hope and unexpected love.

"With a unique blend of truth and humor, Pearl will grace Charis with her presence," says Cherie Lyons, co-owner and program coordinator at Charis. "We are honored to have Pearl with us for this very special evening when readings will be happening all over town."

OUTWRITE BOOKSTORE & COFFEEhouse also participates in Night of 100 Authors with the appearance of three well-known local writers.

Southern Voice and Eclipse columnist Michael Alvear, a.k.a. Woody Miller, appears in promotion of his book "Men are Pigs, But We Love Bacon," a compilation of his Need Wood sex advice columns.

Gay bookstores like Outwrite provide "an oasis," Alvear says. "The fact that you can go somewhere during the day 'normalizes' everyday life ... to be around gay people in a safe public setting."

Author Andrew W.M. Beierle, who won a 2003 Lambda Literary Award for his 1970s-set coming of age novel "The Winter of Our Discotheque," also lends his talents to the Outwrite event.

"Outwrite is more than a bookstore," Beierle agrees. "It's a community resource. Owner Philip Rafshoon strongly supports the work of local authors by providing them a venue to promote their work."

And Night of 100 Authors is a "worthy cause," he says.

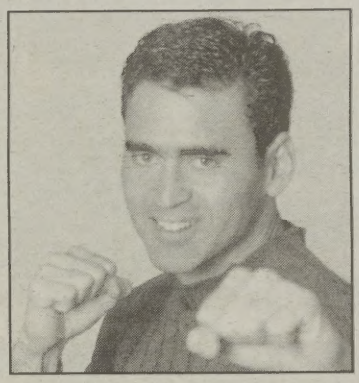
"I am pleased to support anything that promotes literacy or reading in general," Beierle says.

Alvear and Beierle join heterosexual author Shari Joseph at the event. Joseph's novel "Bear Me Safely Over" includes a major gay character — a 15 year old boy struggling with his orientation.

THE NON-GAY CANDLER PARK VENUE Peachtree Highway Books, which specializes in Southern authors, also hosts a gay writer for Night of 100 Authors. Collin Kelley, whose self-published "Better to Travel" was released this month, wrote the poetry essay in this year's festival program and reads from his work as part of the citywide event.

The poet approached Rich Mintz, owner of Peachtree Highway, to be part of Night of 100 Authors because "his store is amazing and deserves support from the community," Kelley says.

"The GLBT community is more appreciative of arts and literature, and I hope they come out, not only for my signing, but to support this festival in general," he says.



Gay writer **Michael Alvear** is just one of the authors featured in the citywide Night of 100 Authors, an Atlanta Literary Festival event that offers readings for every reader's taste.

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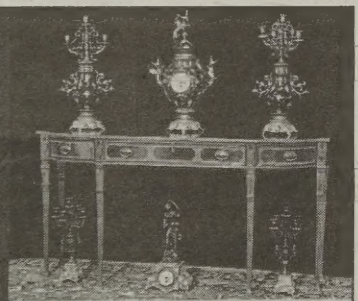

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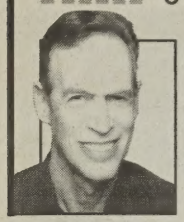

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Lesbian sex for women only

OF THREE NEW LESBIAN DVD/VIDEO releases, the one that's most sex-obsessed also happens to be the most entertaining. And as a gay male, you can bet I'm being objective.

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"Have you ever thought what porn is for?" asks one of the sleazebag men in "Sugar Sweet," reviewing Naomi's (Saori Kitagawa) video that's supposed to meet their commercial need for "the erotic world of lesbian sex."

"It's for guys to get off on."

On the other hand, Naomi's galpals debate whether she's a traitor for making lesbian sex videos for men and whether there would be a market if she wanted to make them for lesbians.

Then Naomi is hired to do a lesbian episode for reality TV. She hires her best friend, Azusa (Saki), and pairs her with Miki (C. Snatch Z.), a tough marketing manager by day who dances at a lesbian club at night.

Director and co-writer Desiree Lim satirizes the politically correct and politically incorrect alike. She displays an abundance of sex toys and doesn't stint on romance or hot girl-girl action.

It gets a little corny and somewhat less inventive in the second half, but this fast-paced, 67-minute feature is still the hippest, most fun dyke flick since "Go Fish."

GETTING THERE IS NOT MUCH FUN in "Journey to Kafiristan," a fictionalized version of a trip two real women took in 1939 as World War II was getting underway. It's a film I admired for its cinematography and period detail, but it is incredibly boring.

How Annemarie Schwarzenbach (Jeanette Hain) and Ella Maillart (Nina Petri) hooked up in the first place isn't explained. But Annemarie, a drug-addicted writer, is running from "the real danger in Europe," and Ella, an ethnologist, is traveling to Afghanistan to investigate rumors of a remote nomadic tribe with Aryan features.

Annemarie is a predatory lesbian. Ella's sexuality is less clear, but she was actually more of a jock than Petri's performance indicates. Before they travel far, Annemarie makes advances, and Ella lets her know she's not interested.

"Journey to Kafiristan" is about the trip to a destination that will never be reached — besides Ella's G-spot. We feel there's something missing at times when the narration, taken from Annemarie's journals, goes into detail about interesting places that we don't see.

Jeanette Hain and **Nina Petri** 'Journey to Kafiristan' in a World War II piece released on DVD, but the film never gets off the ground. (Photo by Bernd Spauke courtesy Picture This! Entertainment)

LIKE "MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING" and "Kissing Jessica Stein," an actress who needed a showcase wrote "A Family Affair."

Unlike the other actress/writers, Helen Lesnick failed to start with a frank assessment of her strengths and weaknesses. She also directed herself rather than hire someone who might have corrected some of her misjudgments.

Lesnick is a character actress built for comedy, not romance.

As preparations for a lesbian wedding go on in the background, Rachel Rosen (Lesnick) fills us in on her love story and provides too much exposition, talking down to non-Jews and non-lesbians in the audience.

After four breakups in 13 years with Reggie (Michele Green), Rachel moves from New York to San Diego, where her mother (Arlene Golonka) heads the local PFLAG chapter. Mom fixes Rachel up with Christine (Erica Shaffer), leading to romance and perhaps marriage — if Rachel can overcome her own fear of commitment and Reggie's eleventh-hour attempt to get her back.

Jews, lesbians and especially Jewish lesbians can relate to "A Family Affair." But if Lesnick hoped to appeal to straight gentiles, she should have been more concerned with entertaining them than educating them.

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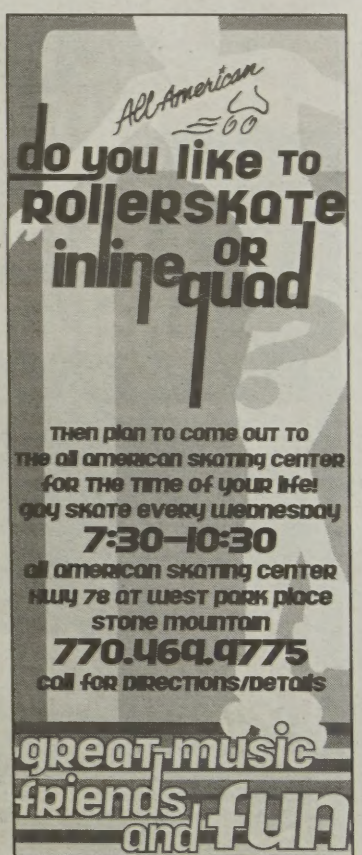
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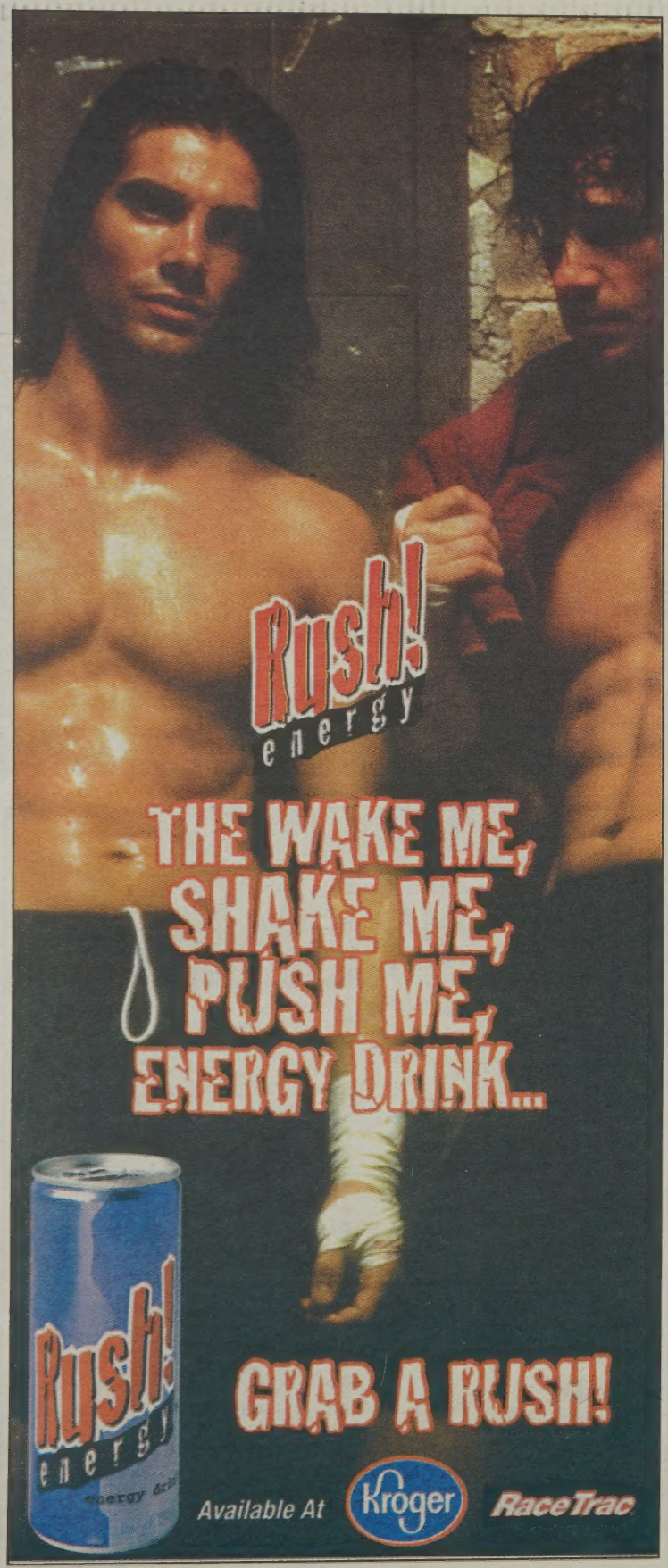


dish There's a Fine Line Between Telling the Truth and Talking Trash

One tabloid profers that accused killer **Scott Peterson** is gay and living a sex crazed, drug fueled **life behind bars.**

Wonderful Wizard of 'Oz'

AFTER SO MANY SEASONS of HBO'S hit prison series 'Oz,' the world may be convinced that life behind bars is all about drugs, murder and gay sex.

According to the tabloid Globe, that is just the life being lived by **SCOTT PETERSON**, who is behind bars in Modesto, Calif., awaiting trial on charges that he killed his wife **LACI PETERSON** and their unborn son.

The tabloid talked to inmate number 534993, also known as James Soares, who is housed in the cell next to Peterson's. Soares, who is behind bars for the kidnapping and assault of his girlfriend, claims that Peterson never shows remorse for his supposed crimes, regularly takes the drug ecstasy and engages in same-sex fellatio.

"They say it was a big, beefy guy who was threatening Scott since his first day in jail," Soares reportedly told The Globe. "They say Scott was on his bed in his jail cell, and the man thrust his crotch up against the open bars and ordered him to perform sex ... Scott panicked and obeyed him out of fear for his life."

After the incident, according to Soares, Peterson complained to prison officials and they tightened security around his cell. "Whenever I asked Scott about it, he'd start to choke up and look like he was going to cry," Soares says.

The Globe reported back in June that Peterson picked up a transvestite outside a Modesto gay bar and received oral sex from him. The paper also notes that Peterson was issued a red jumpsuit, "the color accused murders wear."

What is that, some kind of prison hankie code? Does the orange uniform Soares is seen wearing mean "inmates who lie to tabloids for money?"

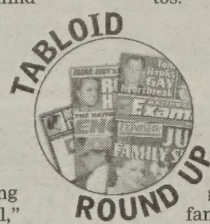
THE COURT BATTLE BETWEEN comedian **ROSIE O'DONNELL** and Gruner + Jahr, the publisher of her former magazine Rosie, is going to get ugly, according to the National Enquirer.

The tabloid says it possesses e-mails that are going to be used in G + J's case against O'Donnell. The emails show O'Donnell fighting with Susan Toepfer, then editor of the magazine, about

some shots O'Donnell took of **CHER**.

According to the Enquirer, O'Donnell wanted her photos to show up on the magazine's cover, but Toepfer was fighting to use pictures of celebrity couple **MATTHEW BRODERICK** and **SARAH JESSICA PARKER**, who were expecting a baby at that time.

"If I were the boss of this magazine (and I know I am not), that's what I would do for October," O'Donnell writes in the e-mail about the Cher photos.



The Enquirer also claims that the subsequent trial made O'Donnell paranoid — thinking that she's being followed — and that G + J hired private detectives to dig up dirt on her.

Supposedly, O'Donnell is going to call some of her famous friends like **GLORIA ESTEFAN, FRAN DRESCHER** and **CHRISTOPHER REEVE** to the stand to testify on her behalf.

AFTER DISCUSSING HER SEXUAL relationships with women in July with **BARBARA WALTERS**, everyone is trying to guess the identity of **ANGELINA JOLIE**'s undisclosed lesbian lover.

Jenny Shimizu

Star thinks it found the answer in lesbian **JENNY SHIMIZU**, a former model.

The pair acted together in the 1996 movie "Foxfire," and the tabloid says that Jolie often references her affair with Shimizu.

"It just didn't mean as much to Jenny as it did to Angelina," one of Shimizu's "friends" told the paper. "Jenny's seven years older than Angelina, and she had women — both gay and straight — falling at her feet wherever she went."

The magazine claims Shimizu had romantic relationships with **MADONNA** and **IONE SKYE** as well.

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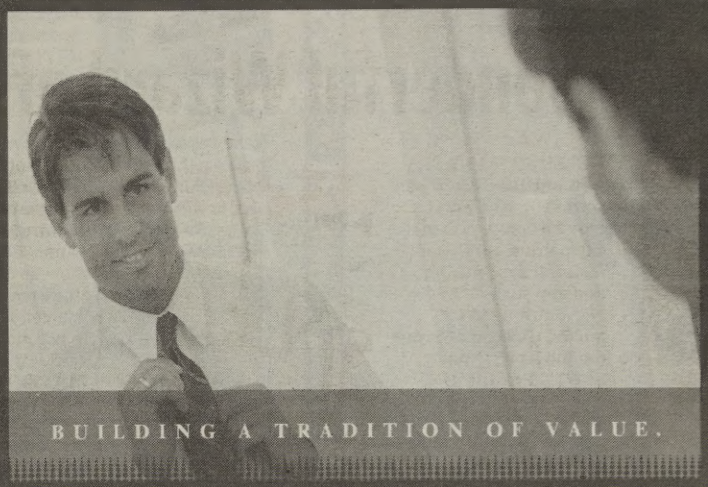

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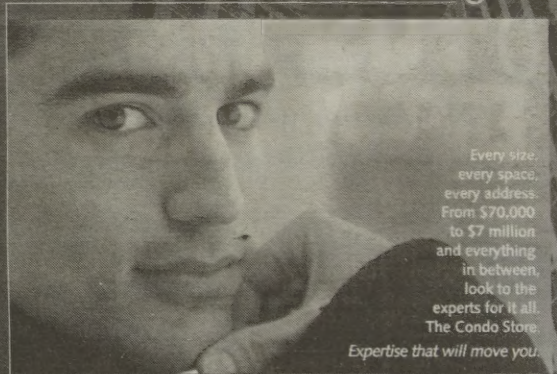

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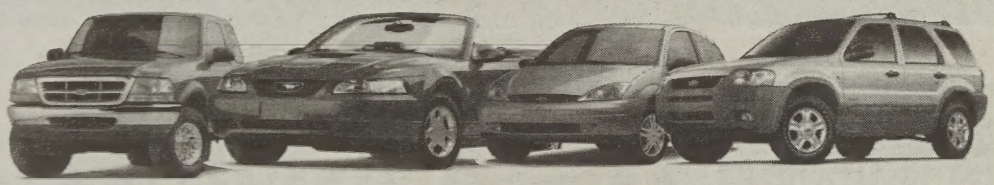

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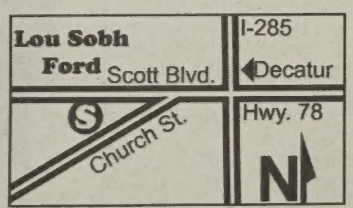

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Lesbian singer **Melissa Ferrick**'s new CD 'Listen Hard' is out, and her legions of female fans will be, too, for Ferrick's 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. sets at Red Light Café, 533 Amsterdam Ave. 404-874-7828, www.redlightcafe.com

Twelve drag debutantes combine a grand Southern tradition with a fund-raising twist at **Atlanta Cotillion 2003**, an elegant celebration of monies raised for AID Atlanta, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Four Seasons Hotel, 75 14th St. NW. www.atlanta-cotillion.com

Lesbian musician **Deidre McCalla**, a mainstay in folk and women's music, promotes the release of her fifth CD 'Playing For Keeps' with an intimate show at 8 p.m. at Ashton's Café, 314 East Howard Ave., Decatur. 404-378-6310.

MONDAY SEPT. 22

Lambda Literary Award winning Atlanta resident **Andrew W.M. Beierle** reads from and signs copies of 'The Winter of our Discotheque,' and gay poet **Jeff Mann** discusses his memoir 'Edge,' at 7:30 p.m. at **Outwrite Bookstore & Coffeehouse**, 991 Piedmont Ave. 404-607-0082, www.outwrite-books.com

WEDNESDAY SEPT. 24

Lesbian singer/songwriter **Doria Roberts**, a Lilith Fair and Montreaux Jazz Festival regular, performs the bohemian folk-pop from her latest CD 'Simple Life' at 8:30 p.m. at **Outwrite Bookstore & Coffeehouse**, 991 Piedmont Ave. 404-607-0082, www.outwritebooks.com

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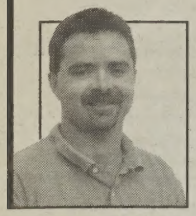


Gay puppeteer launches new show; venue, radio station team up for singles nights to **bring audiences together.**

Keeping up the pace

OTHER LOCAL THEATERS TAKE TIME off during the summer, but the Center for Puppetry Arts just keeps plugging away. Bobby Box, the gay associate producer at the always-innovative Midtown venue, is now manning a new project, the children-oriented "Reluctant Dragon."

Based on Kenneth Grahame's (author of "Wind in the Willows") classic tale "The Reluctant Dragon," this updated version is told from the dragon's point of view, according to Box.

Box describes his version of the dragon as a "poet, puppeteer and painter," a creature who is surprisingly afraid of violence.

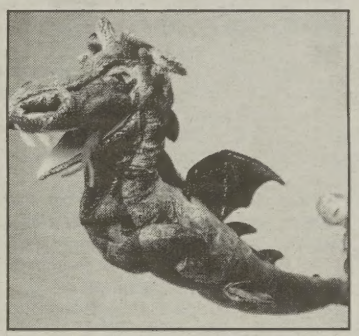
But the townspeople want to slay him, assuming he is a monster.

"The children are afraid of the dragon, and I think this show deals with embracing diversity, learning to appreciate that which is different from you," Box says. "I think you could look into this and see a parallel of homophobia."

"The Reluctant Dragon" is a one-man show, with Box providing all the voices and doing the puppetry for 12 characters and the titular dragon.

Box's first show at the Center was 20 years ago, and he joined fulltime 12 years ago. In 2001, he created an imaginative and gay-friendly version of "Faust" that was a big success for the Center's adults-only New Directions series.

After the run of "Dragon," Box jumps right into rehearsals for the upcoming annual "The Spooky Puppet Horror Show," the Center's Halloween offering, also part of New Directions and definitely not for the younguns.



Center for Puppetry Arts' gay associate producer Bobby Box provides all the voices and single-handedly manipulates the 12 puppets in his latest foray, 'The Reluctant Dragon.'

MEANWHILE, 7 STAGES KICKS OFF ITS 2003-2004 theater season with the new "All the Hits Q 100.5 Singles Night Fridays."

Here's the catch: On the first night of the new series, seating assignments are random, but after the show and the socializing afterwards, subscribers fill out a card with the name of a person present they'd like to sit with. At the next show, if the same person has also listed your name, the two are placed together.

Besides the show, the Singles series offers food as well as pre- and post-show receptions with live music. Paula the Prize Diva from the radio station is scheduled to be at each of the events.

According to gay 7 Stages marketing director Joe Gfaller, a good mixture of gays and straights are expected, including several who are already signed up.

"We were looking to create events to go along with our shows; to make the night out an actual experience," Gfaller says. "This seemed like a great opportunity for singles who are arts-minded, as an alternative to the bar scene."

The series begins Oct. 10 during the run of "The Chairs" and continues on the Friday after opening night of each show. Q100 is known for its gay-friendly programming, including gay on-air personality Melissa Carter.

ELSEWHERE, THEATER VETERAN Gene-Gabriel Moore opens his new Not Merely Players troupe. The company, dealing with theater for and by disabled individuals, is debuting its "Straightaway Dangerous," the story of two characters who live in a basement apartment and the unique friendship they form.

MORE INFO

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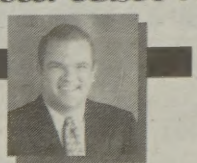
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Organizers of 'Cliterati' spoken-word events welcome **'women of all genders'** to expressions of edgy, unexpected freedom.

What's in a name?

CLITERATI IS ONE OF THOSE EVENTS you can't really appreciate on the printed page. You have to be there.

Currently hosted by Karen G., one of the original co-founders of the lesbian nighttime soirees, and Amanda Kail, Cliterati happens at the Tower II on Ralph McGill Boulevard on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

Open mic nights were flourishing for singers at the time of Cliterati's inception three years ago, but there was a void for spoken word artists.

"It seemed that most open mics at the time were overwhelmed with music," explains Karen G. "So a group of us started Cliterati for spoken word only."

The words spoken at Cliterati are not for the faint-hearted, but they are well appreciated by those who enjoy good writing. The writing shared at Cliterati is edgier than offerings at other open mic events. Topics such as politics, abuse and sex are tackled with the bravado of a daring conquistador taunting a maddening bull.

The air is electrically charged with the unexpected — such as the woman who performed a quick-change for her spoken piece, giving the audience a good flash of her upper torso.

And the audience loves it all.

The beauty of Cliterati is that the hosts create the kind of comfort zone that enables writers and audience alike to enjoy total freedom and open-mindedness.

"We create a really supportive atmosphere, especially for new writers," says Karen G. "We interact with people ... do a lot of personal contact and try to break down that whole audience-reader barrier."

MODELED AFTER 'SISTER SPIT' — A GROUP of touring spoken word artists known for their unabashed support of controversial topics — Cliterati lends itself as an outlet for "women of all genders" who have something to say but may shy away from the usual open mic scene.

The name is suggestive, but Cliterati is not limited to erotica. It occasionally has "theme" nights, which can run the gamut from homelessness and politics to sexual identity and running away from home. But whatever the theme topics or readings may include, they find their audience at Cliterati.

It stands to reason, then, that Cliterati is held at the Tower II bar on Ralph McGill Boulevard. A lesbian bar since 1956 — a time when lesbian bars were practically nonexistent —Tower II doesn't shy away from controversy, either.

It is a spacious bar complete with a generous deck and a large dance floor. Colorfully painted caricatures of women in various poses grace a black wall in front of the bar with its own label — Spirit, Healing, Nature, Sun, Harmony and Life.

In addition to Cliterati, the Tower hosts "Black Chair" on Tuesdays, which is set up like a diversified talk show. But Cliterati is the most prolific group for the Tower.

Lesbian spoken-word hosts Cliterati present **Daphne Gottlieb**, organizer of 'Forward Girls' and host for the National GLBT Poetry Slam, to the fold in October. (Photo by David Huang)

ONE OF CLITERATI'S MISSIONS IS TO BE more than just an open mic event.

"We want to connect open mics in the South," Kail says. "We want to be a point on the map for spoken word artists, poets and performers."

Writing and performing workshops are also on the future agenda.

"There are a lot of good writers out there who are just too shy to stand up in front of a mic," Karen G says. "We hope to do some workshops to give those writers the encouragement they need to get out here and get up there and share their work."

"But it does take some courage to read at an open mic with the name 'Cliterati'," Kail jokes.

Popular favorites Karen G., Kail and co-host Amy Mattison usually read their work, as well as Sir Jesse, a transgendered performer.

Cliterati presents Daphne Gottlieb from San Francisco Oct. 23 to promote her book "Final Girl." Gottlieb is the organizer of "Forward Girls" and host for the National GLBT Poetry Slam. Sihi Anderson, the Sister Spit co-founder, also performs.

MORE INFO

Cliterati
Sept. 25, 8 p.m.
404/687-9807
www.cliterationline.com

Daphne Gottlieb
Oct. 23, 8 p.m.
www.daphnegottlieb.com

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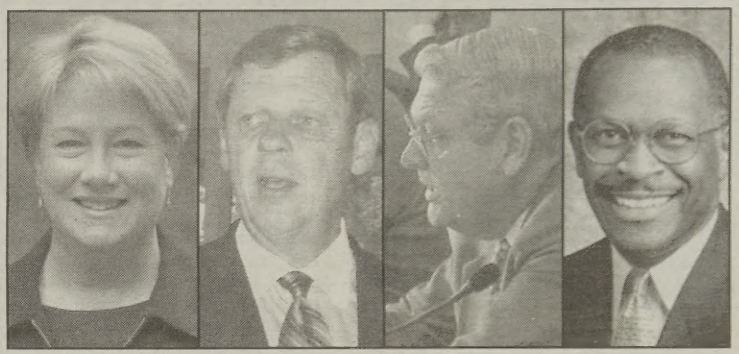
GOP dominates early Senate campaign

Gay Republican group having 'respectful discussion' with moderate candidate

By RYAN LEE



Announced candidates to replace U.S. Sen. Zell Miller (D-Ga.) include Democrat **Mary Squires** and Republicans **Johnny Isakson, Mac Collins** and **Herman Cain**.

Republicans dominate the early days of the campaign to replace U.S. Sen. Zell Miller, a conservative Democrat and former governor who retires when his term ends next year.

A gay-friendly Democrat already announced her campaign, and political observers await the expected entrance in the coming weeks of Andrew Young, a former Atlanta mayor and United Nations ambassador.

Left unclear is how gay issues might play in the 2004 election, according to pundits.

U.S. Rep. Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.) leads a trio of declared Republican candidates, which includes U.S. Rep. Mac Collins and business leader Herman Cain, former CEO of Godfather's Pizza.

State Sen. Mary Squires (D-Norcross) is the only declared Democrat, but Young strongly hinted he will soon enter the race.

Republican business executive Al Bartell also indicated he will enter the race, but has not yet officially filed campaign papers. Bartell ran unsuccessfully for lieutenant governor in 2002.

Of the five candidates, only Squires responded to interview requests from Southern Voice.

"I do not support discrimination against folks due to their sexual orientation," Squires said.

But political experts don't give Squires much chance of winning the statewide election.

"The Republican candidacy looks so strong that I don't think — so far — an electable Democratic candidate has stepped forward," said Daniel Franklin, associate professor of political science at Georgia State University. "It's possible the planets can align themselves so that the Democrats can hold onto that seat, but I don't think that's very likely."

Winnie Stachelberg, political director for the Human Rights Campaign — the nation's largest gay rights group —expects the Senate race to be affected by who the Democrats select in their presidential primary early next year.

"It's a long way from 2004, and lots of things can happen," she said.

Isakson leading GOP pack?

A seasoned politician known as a moderate in Congress, Isakson established himself as the early front-runner among GOP candidates for the Senate seat, Franklin said.

"He's run for statewide office before, he's a moderate Republican who can attract conservatives, business Republicans and maybe even some Democrats," Franklin said.

The Cobb politician also leads the Republican candidates in fund-raising. Isakson raised $2.6 million through June 30, compared to $403,000 for Collins and $78,470 for Cain, according to the Federal Election Commission.

In 1991, Isakson and Collins voted to ban gay adoptions in Washington D.C., and both received more favorable ratings from the anti-gay Family Research Council than from HRC.

Isakson was the second House member from Georgia to sign on as co-sponsor to a proposed constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage. Two weeks later, Collins added his name.

"My personal feelings are a marriage is between a man and a woman," Isakson told Southern Voice in July. "The constitutional amendment just recognizes the rights of the states. It says it is each state's decision."

Isakson, 58, also opposes domestic partner benefits for same-sex couples. In 2002, he received a score of 17 out of a possible 100 from HRC. But he does include sexual orientation in his non-discrimination employment policy. He received an 80 percent rating from FRC.

When Isakson appealed to members of the Georgia Log Cabin Republicans, a gay GOP group, to help his campaign, the organization "stepped back" because it disagreed with his sponsorship of the anti-gay marriage amendment, according to Marc Yeager, Georgia Log Cabin president.

"We've had a good relationship with Congressman Isakson, and I think it's a respectful discussion that will be ongoing," Yeager said.

Georgia's Log Cabin chapter endorsed Isakson in his last congressional race in 2002, but the group does not issue primary endorsements, Yeager said.

Collins, 58, received a zero from HRC last year, compared to a 90 from FRC. The one-time Democrat voted to approve the anti-gay Defense of Marriage Act in 1996.Cain, 57, an African-American and wealthy business leader whose campaign is based on tax and social security reform, is a political novice. But his support of individual rights over government regulation should be encouraging to gays, Yeager said.

Democrats better on gay issues?

Despite the apparent strength of Republican candidates, most gay voters are more likely to support a Democrat in the general election, according to Beth Schapiro, a Democratic pollster.

"It's tough to see where [the GOP candidates] could make a solid case for gay voters," said Schapiro, who is gay. "Any Republican senator from Georgia is still going to be voting to confirm these extremely conservative judges [nominated by President Bush]."

Squires, 45, was a member of the state House Judiciary Committee when the Georgia legislature passed its hate crimes law in 2000. She supports same-sex civil unions, she said.

But such unions should not be called marriage, because "it borders the religious line too closely," the state senator said.

"What I do support is that we afford [gay and lesbian couples] the same human dignity that we afford any family members living together," Squires said, citing rights like estate planning and health matters.

A financial disclosure statement for Squires was not available this week.

Squires does not support a Constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage but does support gay adoptions, she said.

Political observers said Young would provide Democrats with the best shot at keeping the Senate seat, but that he would need to reach out to gay voters to win, something Miller seldom did.

"It will be incumbent for Andrew Young to reach out to gay voters," said Schapiro, president of the Schapiro Research Group. "I think that we could all presume that he's going to be pretty good on gay issues."

Young, 71, left politics more than a decade ago.

"He really doesn't have much of a record in terms of gay rights," said Bob Whitelaw, chair of the gay Georgia Stonewall Democrats. "And I think it's going to be very difficult for a Democrat to win without a major turnout from gay voters."

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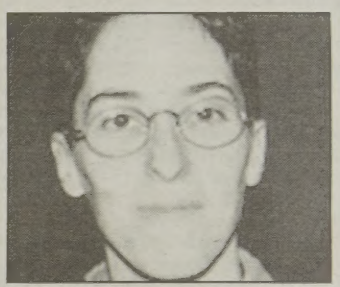

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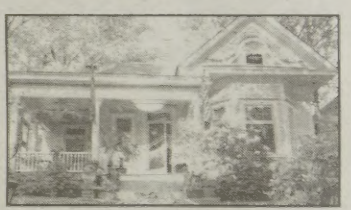

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corrections

An article in the Sept. 12 issue of Southern Voice ("Goddesses within," news) incorrectly identified Barbara Rubin's breast cancer surgery as a mastectomy. Rubin had a lumpectomy.

An article in the same issue ("Fall into fund-raisers," arts) incorrectly stated the date of the AIDS Survival Project's 15th Anniversary Gala. An info box with the story correctly stated the date of the event as Nov. 15.

In "The Q" on July 25, a photo was incorrectly identified as David Zaparanick, who appeared in the same feature on July 18. The person in the photo was John David Harmon.

Southern Voice regrets the errors.

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Gay center stumbles since move

Nurse quits STD clinic as facility embroiled in lawsuit over purchase, fund-raising

By CHRISTOPHER SEELY

As a legal battle between a former employee of the Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Center and its board members unfolds, STD testing services at the Midtown facility have been suspended for the second time and only one support group meets on a regular basis, according to Donald Smith, board vice chair.

"Right now the clinic is not open," Smith said.

The Center's most recent nurse, Charles Jennings, resigned Aug. 28 after about two months on the job, according to personnel records obtained through the Fulton County Department of Health & Wellness, which staffs the STD testing site.

Jennings' resignation came just five days after another Center employee, Melvin Stringer, filed a lawsuit in Fulton County State Court against the Center, Smith and Center Board Chair Lolethia Chapman.

The STD testing site will re-open as soon as a new nurse is located, Smith said.

A women's support group that meets on Saturday mornings is the only support group to meet regularly now, but the Center remains open by appointment, he said.

The Center moved to its new $460,000 house at 170 11th St., last January in an effort to become a more visible part of the gay neighborhood.

But competing claims about how the property — and an adjacent house at 174 11th St. — came to be used by the Center now form the heart of the organization's legal troubles. Both properties are currently for sale.

Controversy swirled around the facility since late May, when four former board members resigned over concerns about Chapman's leadership style and undue influence on the Center by Melvin Stringer, then the facility's "philanthropic adviser."

Stringer, who later became the Center's interim director, was fired in late July, prompting a lawsuit.

Competing claims

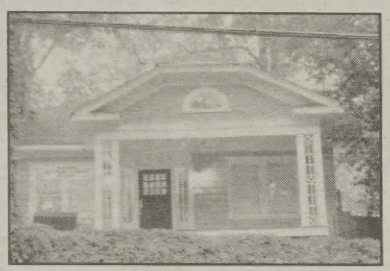
After receiving a termination letter on July 29 from Chapman, the board chair, Stringer filed a lawsuit claiming wrongful termination, breach of contract, slander, libel and unlawful rendering of legal services.

For the alleged breach of contract, Smith owes Stringer $24,911.56, according to Stringer's lawsuit, filed Aug. 6.

"Mr. Stringer just wants to get this resolved," Schuyler Elliot, Stringer's attorney, said in an interview last month. "He feels like he has been wrongfully discharged from the job that he tremendously likes and that he is owed money."

Elliot and Stringer did not respond to interview requests by press time this week.

But an attorney representing the Center, Smith and Chapman filed a response to Stringer's initial court complaint on Sept. 15 that denies all the charges and presents counter claims. Stringer owes at least $26,000 to the Center and $27,651.29 to Smith, according to the response.



Services provided at the Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Center have plummeted since the Center moved to Midtown, where it hoped to flourish. (Photo by R.O. Youngblood)

"Stringer has acted so improperly that he is not entitled to anything," said Shannon McNeal, the attorney representing the Center, Smith and Chapman.

The counterclaims also allege that Stringer has not returned $3,000 in property belonging to the Center, and McNeal's clients are not sure if Stringer has accepted donations without reporting them to the Center, she said.

"We are very concerned that he has misled the Center in more ways than this," McNeal said.

Smith and Chapman declined comment on the pending litigation.

Secret contract

The Center's board intended to keep Stringer's role as a "philanthropic adviser" confidential, according to an agreement signed by Stringer, Smith and Chapman.

The agreement — dated Aug. 17, 2002, and obtained by Southern Voice as part of court records in Stringer's lawsuit — bound each signing party "not to disclose the terms of the agreement to the public" or any person outside of the Center's board.

Any donation for the Center generated by Stringer resulted in a 10 percent commission for Stringer in a role that would last up to 10 years, according to the agreement.

"They were looking for someone to shake the trees and make some revenue," McNeal said. "He convinced the board at that time that he could bring in the funds. What's sad is the Center hasn't made any money."

But Stringer claims in his court filings that he did generate "mortgage funding" for the Center, which entitles him to $46,000 from the facility for securing a real estate deal last December in which Smith purchased the Center's new home on 11th Street for $460,000.

Smith originally told Southern Voice that an anonymous benefactor located by Stringer funded the purchase, but later acknowledged that he purchased it.

The $46,000 is Stringer's 10 percent compensation for the efforts he generated in the "acquisition of mortgage funding for the Center," Stringer claims in court papers.

Smith denies the claim even though he wrote three checks to Stringer last December totaling $4,601.29 to adhere to the philanthropic adviser agreement, according to court papers.

"It is my understanding that on the day of the closing, Mr. Stringer told Dr. Smith for the first time that he was entitled to the commission," said McNeal, the attorney for the Center, Smith and Chapman.

"Dr. Smith did not agree, but gave him some money to smooth over the situation because he did not want any problems for the Center," McNeal said.

Stringer received a total of $21,101.29 from Smith as part of his philanthropic adviser agreement, according to his court papers. Stringer's lawsuit said Smith owes him an additional $24,911.56.

But Smith said in the countersuit that Stringer owes him $27,651.29, the total of the December payments and $23,050 given to Stringer as four personal loans, McNeal said.

Controversial real estate deals

Part of the Center's response to Stringer's lawsuit alleges that Stringer signed a lease for property at 174 11th St., adjacent to the Center, on behalf of the Center without the consent or knowledge of any of the Center's board members.

Stringer signed the lease on May 15 to be rented to the Center for $1,550 per month, with $500 of the monthly payment credited toward the $520,000 sales price of the property, according to a copy of the lease.

The board members, apparently unaware that the Center's name appeared on the lease, were told by Stringer that anonymous backers would pay for the 12-month lease, according to McNeal.

Chapman and Smith discovered the Center's name on the lease in July, when Chapman approached the realtor who informed her that Stringer signed the lease on behalf of the Center, McNeal said.

Chapman then sent a letter to Stringer notifying him of his termination from the position of philanthropic adviser, copying the Fulton County Department of Health & Wellness.

But Stringer did consult a board member about the lease, according to Elliot, Stringer's attorney.

"It was at Donald Smith's urging that Stringer signed," Elliot said. "Smith wanted to be a silent donor."

Smith paid rent for the adjacent property for the month of July, according to court papers filed this week, but McNeal said he did so allegedly based on what Stringer told Smith about financial backers.

"If this goes to trial it will be a credibility issue between Smith and Stringer," McNeal said. "This is all about padding Mr. Stringer's pocket and not about the best interest of the Center."

Fulton County also employed Stringer, paying him $19.96 an hour on the recommendation of the Center.

Stringer began the 30-hour per week position for Fulton County as "health coordinator" for the STD clinic on June 4. Fulton County terminated his position effective Sept. 2 for insubordination and fraud, according to his personnel file.

"The whole situation threw us off guard," said Cassandra Breedlove, human resources manager for the Fulton County Department of Health & Wellness. "We are not paying him to do all that."

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Gay-friendly Martin out as head of troubled DHR

Activists fear impact on HIV programs as budget cuts loom

By LAURA DOUGLAS-BROWN

Gov. Sonny Perdue announced Tuesday he had "accepted the resignation" of Jim Martin, commissioner of the Georgia Department of Human Resources, which includes the state's HIV and AIDS programs.

Perdue requested resignations from all state department heads when he took office in January as the state's first Republican governor in more than a century. His decision to accept Martin's resignation this week comes as DHR faces strong criticism for the recent deaths of two children who were under care from DHR's Department of Family & Children Services.

Perdue hinted at the controversy in a press statement announcing Martin's departure, but did not state a reason for accepting Martin's resignation now.

"Jim has a heart for children and has worked tirelessly on their behalf in the State House and as commissioner of the Department of Human Resources," Perdue said. "I thank him for his years of public service."

Perdue's spokesperson did not respond to interview requests by press time.

Martin declined comment through a DHR spokesperson, although the agency itself issued a brief statement on the resignation.

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Committed couples

Fulton County rolls out domestic partner registry

By VAN GOWER

Seven same-sex couples signed on to Fulton County's Certified Committed Relationship Registry on Sept. 15, the first day the hard-fought registry became available.

The couples went together to the Commission Clerk's office to legally declare their domestic partnerships. They also completed paperwork for Fulton County employee benefits coverage, which becomes effective Jan. 1.

The landmark occasion comes as a sweet reward to the employees, organized as the Fulton Alliance of County Employees for GLBT Equality, who fought for the July passage of legislation creating the registry and benefits for same-sex couples.

"It's great. It's like Christmas all over again," said Mary Louise Upshaw, a FACE member who registered with her partner, Cathy Giarruso. "It was wonderful when the Board of Commissioners said 'Yes we'll do it,' but to actually get to sign the papers and see the certificate in hand makes it a greater joy."

In all, 10 couples added their names to the registry, including three couples who did not want to be publicly identified, according to Doug Carl, chair of FACE.

The registry is open to any same-sex couple residing in Fulton County, and the registration certificate serves as relationship proof for county employees who want health and other benefits for their partners, Carl said.

"I think equally important is that it's just an official statement of recognition, of endorsement and respect from your local government about the relationship that you have," he said.

Larry Paul (left), technology services coordinator for AmericasMart, and his partner **Cal Gough**, an assistant branch manager for the Fulton County library system, registered their Certified Committed Relationship on Monday. (Photo by R.O. Youngblood)

Cindy Abel (left), president of bizvox Marketing, registered with her partner, Dr. **Barbara Rubin**, a court psychologist for Fulton County. (Photo by R.O. Youngblood)

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Martin lauded as advocate for HIV programs

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"The governor's statement stands on its own," it said. "We plan to do everything in our power to make the transition smooth and continue our work helping the people of Georgia."

In a press conference Wednesday with Perdue, Martin said he and the department have "had our ups and downs and we've made mistakes."

"He's [Perdue] appointed a new board and he wants to give the new board an opportunity to select a new commissioner and I agree," Martin said.

No interim commissioner has been named, according to Elizabeth Wilson, a DHR spokesperson. Martin will at the department through the transition, which will be completed "hopefully by the end of the year," she said.

Martin's resignation comes as DHR faces massive budget cuts, including to HIV programs, and as the state prepares to roll out a controversial draft policy to report the names of people who test positive for HIV.

"This comes at a very disturbing time for the entire DHR, but especially for the Division of Public Health, which has been requested to take the brunt of the budget cuts," said Jeff Graham, executive director for AIDS Survival Project, a non-profit advocacy group.

"While I am outraged as an AIDS advocate, I am more disturbed as a citizen of the state of Georgia to see our state turn its back on the health and welfare of all of the citizens in the state," Graham said.

Faced with declining revenues, Perdue asked each state agency to cut its budget by 2.5 percent for fiscal year 2004 and 5 percent for fiscal year 2005.

DHR will have to reduce its total budget by $140 million for 2004 and 2005, which would include a 10 percent cut — some $2.5 million over the next two years — in the budget for HIV/AIDS programs, Martin told Southern Voice last month.

"The impact is across all the activities and they are very severe," Martin said then. "Folks need to understand that we know reductions like this impact people and we are not saying they don't."

The funds will be taken from "primary health care and support services" in the HIV/AIDS program, according to a preliminary draft of budget cuts released Aug. 27.

The state Board of Human Resources met Wednesday, but deferred action on the proposed budget until its next monthly meeting, according to Debra Elovich, DHR assistant commissioner for policy and government services.

While DHR proposed the cuts to its HIV programs under Martin's leadership, AIDS advocates are also concerned about the fate of the programs with his resignation, Graham said.

"Now, as we are faced with our first cuts to the AIDS budget since the start of the epidemic, the governor has taken away a strong leader and an historical advocate," Graham said.

Gov. **Sonny Perdue**, a Republican, this week 'accepted the resignation' of DHR Commissioner **Jim Martin**, a Democrat appointed by Perdue's predecessor. (Perdue photo by Erik Lesser/AP; Martin photo by Cindy Sproul)

Martin, an attorney from Atlanta, represented the Midtown neighborhood of Morningside in the state House for 18 years before he was appointed by then-Gov. Roy Barnes, a fellow Democrat, to head the state's human resources department in 2001.

HIV activists and gay organizations praised Martin's appointment because of his record as a state legislator, including strong support for HIV funding and gay-inclusive hate crimes and civil rights bills. Martin also served on the State AIDS Task Force and chaired Atlanta's HIV Planning Council, according to his DHR biography.

HIV reporting plan goes public

After announcing plans last month to report HIV cases using names, the DHR posted a draft of the proposal on its Web site on Sept. 17, starting a 30-day period of public comment.

Georgia is currently the only state in the country with no system of reporting HIV, which will cost the state funding for HIV programs beginning in 2005, according to the DHR, which hopes to implement names-reporting by the end of this year.

Some 37 states report HIV using names, the method preferred by the federal Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. But activists including AIDS Survival Project cite confidentiality concerns as the reason they prefer a method using codes called "unique indentifiers" instead of names.

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'Lack of money' forces Enlight to make cuts

Education group eliminates executive director, shuffles board in reorganization

By RYAN LEE

Leaders at Enlight Atlanta — an organization aimed at curbing anti-gay bullying in schools — hope that a reduction and reorganization of its staff will lead to increased funding.

The group announced Sept. 5 the elimination of its executive director post, held by Lynn Barfield. Barfield will continue to assist Enlight on a volunteer basis, several board members said.

"It's simply called a lack of money," said Paul Turner, Enlight's new board president. "It's something every nonprofit in town has gone through."

Turner, a pastor at Gentle Spirit Christian Church in Candler Park, replaced Debi Lowry as board president earlier this month as the organization shifted its fund-raising efforts.

"When an organization is trying to find ways to raise their funding base, they do all kinds of things," Turner said. "We've had to make some hard choices like [letting Barfield go]."

"Ms. Barfield had no problems with Enlight Atlanta," Turner said.

Lynn Barfield, the executive director of Enlight Atlanta since 2001, was recently released from the organization due to a lack of funds.

An initial call to Barfield was returned by Turner. Subsequent calls requesting an interview from the former executive director were not returned by press time.

Enlight was formed in early 2001 after some members of the Gay Lesbian & Straight Education Network's Atlanta chapter publicly split with the national organization.

Lowry took over as board president in May 2002, after the group asked former board president Tim Blackmore to resign. Steve Epstein, Enlight's founding executive director, announced his retirement at the same time.

"We're a young organization and I think being a strictly volunteer organization is truly our only challenge," Lowry said. "Sometimes it's been tough galvanizing support and showing the community this is a viable and much needed organization."

Enlight gained federal non-profit status about 18 months ago, Lowry said, making it eligible to apply for local and federal grants. Unfortunately, most of the people within Enlight — including Barfield — knew little about grant writing, Lowry said.

"In the early days of Enlight, I think large steps were taken before the organization was really ready to walk," she said. "As much as I want to, I don't have that expertise to take us to the next level."

Turner's experience and contacts will help the organization move forward, Lowry said.

Turner came to Atlanta from Toledo, Ohio, in January 1994 to become pastor of All Saints Church of Atlanta, which was affiliated with the gay Metropolitan Community Church denomination.

But he soon encountered difficulties at the Atlanta church.

"Many problems which Rev. Turner had in Toledo followed him to Atlanta," the All Saints' Web site reads. "Before [1994 ended] the [national] Fellowship pulled his credentials, barring him from the pastorship of any UFMCC church."

Turner was brought up on charges of unbecoming conduct, found guilty, appealed and lost, he said.

"There was just problems between me and the denomination," Turner said. He was dismissed during an ecclesiastical hearing, and the content of the hearing is confidential, he said.

Jim Birkitt, communications director for the national MCC, provided a list of 20 reasons a pastor can be defrocked for unbecoming conduct. The offenses range in severity from being disloyal to the church or a negligent supervisor, to misappropriating church funds or committing sexual abuse.

In 1995, Turner pastored Abundant Grace Community Church of Atlanta, but left that congregation and founded Gentle Spirit in 1998.

Despite Enlight's struggles, Lowry said its programs — which include a speakers bureau and assisting the formation of gay-straight alliances in area schools — will not be interrupted.

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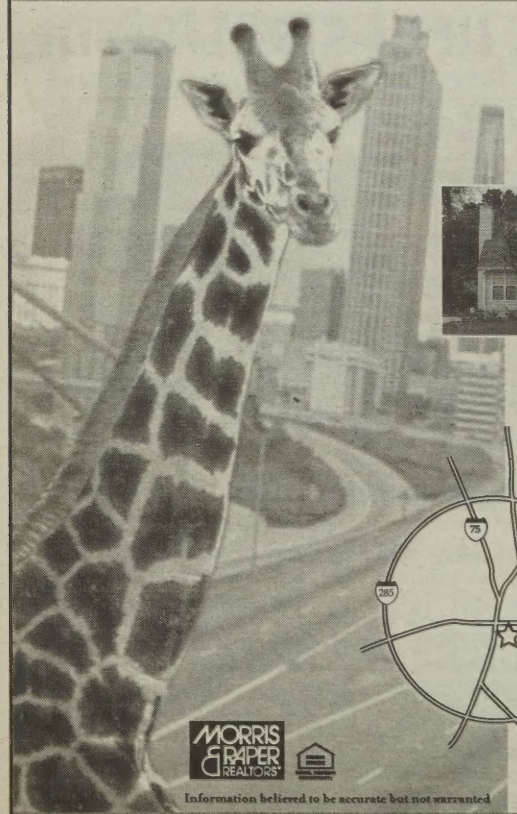

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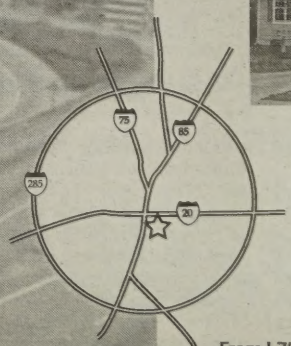

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Pre-op trans woman wins name change

Two-year ordeal spiraled 'out of control', Augusta judge says

By CHRISTOPHER SEELY

AUGUSTA — When Richmond Country Superior Court Judge Duncan Wheale entered his chamber Sept. 11 to hear oral arguments for a transgendered woman who spent two years seeking a legal name change, the first thing he did was introduce himself to her.

"You should be encouraged that I'm calling you Vickee," Wheale said.

Ben Douglas Gatliff, now legally named Victoria "Vickee" Jeane Gatliff, first filed for a name change in January 2001. But the request saw no action for two years because Gatliff's original attorneys did not present all the requested information, Wheale said at the hearing.

But last week, Wheale ended the wait by granting Gatliff's name change after he reviewed a criminal background check and evidence from doctors explaining that transgendered people must live full-time in their new gender for one year prior to gender reassignment surgery.

"You are now Vickee," Wheale said as the hearing wrapped up.

For Gatliff and her partner, Sheree Gatliff, the long-awaited name change proved both gratifying and frustrating.

"I think the whole thing was ridiculous," Sheree Gatliff said. "It's been over two years for a name change."

"It's just a step in a long transition for me," Vickee Gatliff said. "I'm very pleased."

Gatliff plans to have gender reassignment surgery in 2005, she said.

Prior to the hearing last week's hearing, Wheale said he refused to sign the name change order until Gatliff received gender reassignment surgery because he had not been provided a criminal background check or proof from doctors that Gatliff needed the name change prior to the surgery.

"My concern is if a man who has not had a sex change, and he is a sex pervert or a pedophile and gets new ID and goes and dresses up like a woman and goes into the bathroom and watches little girls go to the bathroom and changing clothes, I have a problem with that," Wheale said in a May interview with Southern Voice.

But Wheale reversed course after receiving the information from Greg Nevins, an attorney for Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund's office in Atlanta.

Living as a woman, but still having a male name, Gatliff faced difficulties when writing checks, presenting credit cards, or using her driver's license as identification, according to Nevins.

Vickee Gatliff successfully changed her legal name to reflect her gender identity last week with the assistance of Lambda Legal staff attorney **Greg Nevins**. (Photo by Christopher Seely)

"We explained the process of transitioning and that transgendered people should be treated no differently," Nevins said after the hearing.

Lambda Legal picked up the case in May after Gatliff's original attorneys, Cecilia Toole and Chris Nicholson, failed to obtain the name change for more than two years.

Toole and Nicholson first requested the change in January 2001, but dropped that request and filed a new request in January 2003, in an attempt to side-step Wheale, which Gatliff said led her to believe that the judge dismissed her name change petition out of transgender bias.

"I feel like I've been beaten up, raped and left on the side of the road by a bigot who usurps his authority to discriminate against me for his personal beliefs and not the law his is sworn to uphold," Gatliff told Southern Voice in an article published May 23.

At last week's hearing, Wheale responded to the Southern Voice coverage.

"I am not a bigot," Wheale said. "I've worked all my life to prove I am not a bigot."

Wheale added that a favorite workout partners is an openly gay man.

"Cases shouldn't spiral out of control like this," Wheale said after commending Nevins for his work on the case.

Nevins "has satisfied me that you have a genuine interest in becoming a woman," Wheale told Gatliff.

The designated gender on Gatliff's birth certificate is to remain male until after the gender reassignment surgery, but other identification can be changed, Wheale ruled.

Transgender conference in ATL urges activism

Southern Comfort offers 'family' for newcomers, seasoned activists alike

By CHRISTOPHER SEELY

More than 500 transgendered men and women gather in Midtown next week for the annual Southern Comfort Conference to see friends, discuss transgender activism and help people come into their personal gender identity.

"Southern Comfort has historically been the venue for many, many people making their first foray into the transgender community," said Holly Boswell, a Southern Comfort board member.

"And the good news is when they come they are greeted by family, they are given good information, and it is invariably a life-altering event."

Founded in 1991, Southern Comfort combines an entire week's worth of socializing at local restaurants, shopping venues and nightclubs with three days of seminars.

Since its start, the annual conference grew to become the largest transgender conference on the globe for two reasons, Boswell said.

Southern Comfort Conference was designed mainly for crossdressers and transsexuals, but anyone struggling with gender issues is welcome, including partners, friends and families, according to organizers. (Photo courtesy SCC)

"It's a warm and friendly place and I think that is why the term Southern Comfort is apt," she said. "The other reason is that we offer the most diverse programs."

Some of the topics for this year's workshops include transphobia, transitioning at a place of employment, political activism, feminism, hormonal treatments, surgical procedures, feminine poise, wig and hair care, sexuality and transgender families.

Author Noelle Howey and motivational speaker Lacey Leigh provide keynote addresses during the conference.

Advocating transgender activism is a key component in obtaining legislative victories, according to Lisa Mottet, a transgender rights attorney from the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force.

Mottet presents four seminars at the conference: getting local laws passed, transgender homeless shelter policies, federal transgender rights as well as victories and challenges in the legal and legislative arena.

At the beginning of 2002, only 6.5 percent of the U.S. population lived in areas covered by transgender inclusive non-discrimination laws, but the figure since rose to 24 percent, according to Mottet.

To compare, 45 percent of U.S. citizens live in areas that ban discrimination based on sexual orientation.

"We're catching up," Mottet said.

Southern Comfort schedule

All events at Sheraton Colony Square Hotel, 188 14th Street NE, unless otherwise noted. See www.sccatl.org for a more detailed schedule.

Sept. 23
- Registration, 2 p.m.
- Dinner at The Palm Restaurant
6 p.m.

Sept. 24
- Ken and Barbi-Q Picnic and Kickball Game
11 a.m., Piedmont Park
- Agatha's Mystery Theater Dinner
693 Peachtree St. NE, 6p.m.

Sept. 25
- Marketplace opens, 8:30 a.m.
- Seminars, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Partners Welcoming Reception, 11 a.m.
- Keynote Lunch. 12 p.m.
Speaker: Lacey Leigh
- Newcomers Reception, 5 p.m.
- Transmen Party, 7 p.m.
- Agnes & Muriel's Dinner
1514 Monroe Dr., 7 p.m.
- Armory Party
836 Juniper St., 10:30 p.m.

Sept. 26
- Marketplace opens, 8:30 a.m.
- Seminars, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Lunch entertainment, 12 p.m.
- Pool Party, 2 p.m.
- Talent Show, 8 p.m.
- Le Buzz Party, 10:30 p.m.
585 Franklin Road, Marietta

Sept. 27
- Marketplace opens, 8:30 a.m.
- Seminars, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Keynote Lunch, 12 p.m.
Speaker: Noelle Howey
- Transgender Affirmation Ceremony, 4:30 p.m.
- Cocktail Hour, 7 p.m.
- Showtime, 9:15 p.m.
"Francine Reed"
- '60s, '70s and '80s Dance and Costume Party, 10 p.m.

Mara Keisling, executive director for the National Center for Transgender Equality, is scheduled to join Mottet on stage.

"The LGBT coalition has totally coalesced," Keisling said. "We are at every LGBT policy table."

Local transgendered activist Monica Helms also joins Mottet during the homeless seminar to discuss the struggle in Atlanta for transgendered homeless people to receive beds in shelters.

Currently, the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta offers hotel and motel vouchers to homeless transgendered women because the agency will not allow them to stay in women's shelters, and transgendered women are unsafe at men's shelters, Helms said.

"It is by far not a final step," she said.

Helms also presents an Activism 101 workshop and a seminar for transgender veterans, as president of the Transgender American Veterans Association.

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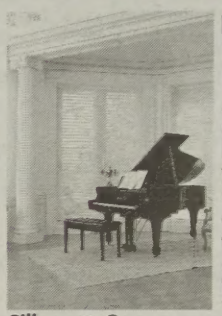

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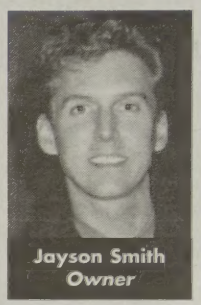

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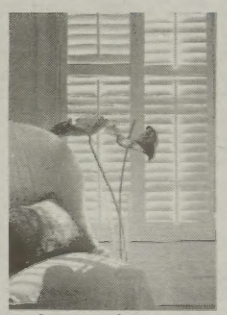

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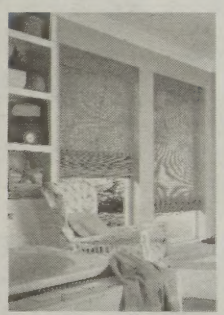

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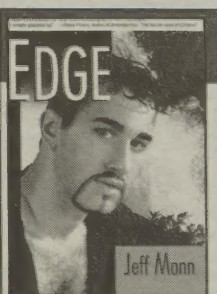

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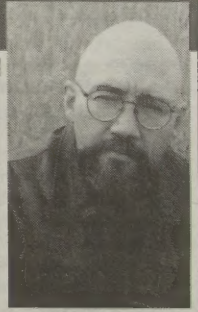

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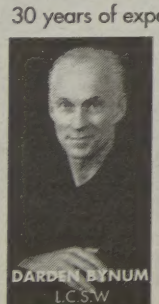

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Calif. lawmakers vote to require DP benefits for state contracts

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Companies that want to do business with the state would have to offer the same benefits to domestic partners as they do to married couples, under legislation approved by the Assembly. Republicans objected, saying the measure tramples on the religious and other rights of employers who may object to gay relationships. Democrats contended the measure is another step in discouraging discrimination by businesses that want the privilege of gaining state contracts. The measure was sent to Gov. Gray Davis with the minimum votes needed, 41-31. "It is fundamentally about equal rights, and it is practically about equal pay," offered in the form of benefits, said the author, Assembly member Christine Kehoe (D-San Diego). By reducing the number of bidders and decreasing competition, the bill is expected to cost the state millions of additional dollars on the more than $6 billion spent annually on state contracts.

Assembly member **Christine Kehoe** (D-San Diego), who is a lesbian, helped push through a California law that will require all companies that do business with the state to provide domestic partnership benefits to their employees.

Wisc. panel OKs bill to limit marriage to heterosexuals

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A legislative committee unanimously approved a bill that would define marriage in Wisconsin as a contract between a man and a woman, clearing the way for a full Assembly vote. Committee member Rep. David Cullen (D-Milwaukee) sided with the five Republicans on the panel. The other Democratic members of the committee, Reps. Tony Staskunas and Tom Hebl, were absent. Wisconsin law defines marriage as a contract between a husband and wife, but committee chair Rep. Mark Gundrum (R-New Berlin), who wrote the bill, said judges could interpret that language loosely and redefine marriage. "It's really just trying to strengthen our laws so there's no question whatsoever ... that marriage as an institution is between one man and one woman," Gundrum said. Christopher Ott, executive director of Action Wisconsin, a statewide gay rights group, said the current husband-wife language clearly means a man and a woman. Lawmakers just want to antagonize gays, he said. "It's hate legislation," Ott said.

Court: Focus on Family can sue company over refused anti-gay ads

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A federal appeals court has revived a lawsuit by the conservative Christian-group Focus on the Family against a local public bus system that refused an advertisement for an anti-gay conference. In a decision from the U.S. 11th Circuit Court of Appeals made public last week, the court ruled a federal judge in Tampa erred when he threw out the group's 2001 lawsuit against the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority. The appeals court said Focus on the Family can pursue its claim of First Amendment violations. The bus system had refused to allow the group to advertise its "Love Won Out" convention in St. Petersburg. "This is a great victory — we are elated," said Tom Minnery, vice president of public policy for Focus on the Family. Neither the attorney for the bus system, nor its executive director, immediately returned phone calls. While private companies can usually reject advertising they don't want, the question in this case is whether a government entity working through a private company can if it believes some might find the ads offensive.

'Males dressed as females' under scrutiny when traveling

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government issued new rules to airport security and law enforcement agencies that will impact transgendered people. The National Transgender Advocacy Coalition stated in a press release that the new security alert specifically mentions "males dressed as females." According to a government press release, officials believe that soft targets, and more clever approaches including use of disguise, are considered the next trend in terrorism. The alert stated, in part, "Male bombers may dress as females in order to discourage scrutiny." According to the NTAC, the new warning means that airport screeners and other law enforcement agencies will be much more vigilant than usual. It also means they may be more likely to commit unwitting abuses, the NTAC stated. Transgendered people should be mindful of the new alerts and prepare accordingly when traveling, the group advises. "This isn't a request for everyone to be 'out and proud' or scare tactics," said Vanessa Edwards Foster, NTAC chair.

Conn. governor changes mind, signs inclusive pride proclamation

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Gov. John G. Rowland last week signed a Gay Pride proclamation that includes transgendered and bisexual people, after refusing to sign the document for years. Rowland agreed to ink the proclamation after meeting with activists, parents and leaders, spokesperson Michele Sullivan told the Hartford Courant. The proclamation lauds the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex community for its "significant contributions towards the enhancement of our quality of life." "I think our office listened to the concerns of the group and had been working closely with them to address their concerns," Sullivan said. "We're not trying to aggravate anybody or ram anything down anyone's throat," said Jerimarie Liesegang of the Connecticut TransAdvocacy Coalition. "All we're saying is that inclusion is important and we wanted our voices heard."

From staff and wire reports

national news

Democrat candidates oppose marriage amendment

Gay group hails Clark as 'another pro-gay moderate'

By LOU CHIBBARO JR.

WASHINGTON — As retired Army General Wesley K. Clark announced his candidacy for president this week as a Democrat, the nine Democrats already in the race said they oppose a constitutional amendment aimed at banning gay marriage.

In response to a question posed by Southern Voice to each of the candidates' campaign offices, spokespersons for the nine candidates said the presidential contenders strongly oppose such a constitutional amendment, even though six of the nine have said they do not support legalizing gay marriage.

Clark's campaign, which was in the process of opening its headquarters in Little Rock, Ark., did not reply to the question by press time. The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force said Clark indicated that he, too, opposes a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage.

NGLTF issued a release calling Clark "another pro-gay moderate joining the most pro-gay field of presidential candidates in history."

Clark, a former NATO supreme commander who led international forces in the war in Kosovo, has never held elective office and declared himself a Democrat just a few weeks ago.

He stated in press interviews during the past several months that he supports gay civil rights. He has also criticized the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy as flawed and supports a review of the policy. He backed away from an earlier statement that the policy "absolutely" should be changed.

The candidates indicating their opposition to the anti-gay marriage amendment were Sens. John Kerry (Mass.), Joseph Lieberman (Conn.), John Edwards (N.C.), and Bob Graham (Fla.), Reps. Richard Gephardt (Mo.), and Dennis Kucinich (Ohio), former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, former Sen. Carol Moseley Braun (Ill.), and Rev. Al Sharpton.

Earlier this year, Kucinich, Moseley Braun, and Sharpton told a forum sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay political group, that they support legalization of civil marriage for gays.

Kerry, Lieberman, Dean, and Gephardt told the forum they opposed legalization of civil, same-sex marriage, although they declared their support for extending all marriage-related benefits and rights to same-sex couples. Edwards and Graham did not attend the HRC forum but stated they oppose legalizing same-sex marriage.

Amendment may kill DP laws

In May, Rep. Marilyn Musgrave (R-Colo.) introduced legislation in the House of Representatives proposing the constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. Critics say Musgrave worded the proposed amendment so that it would most likely repeal existing domestic partnership laws passed by cities and states as well as Vermont's civil unions law. Musgrave's proposed amendment has 86 co-sponsors.

Constitutional amendments require approval by two-thirds of the members of the House and Senate and three-fourths of the nation's state legislatures.

In addition to expressing support for gay marriage, Kucinich, Moseley Braun and Sharpton have said they would sign an Internet petition pledging to oppose the Musgrave constitutional amendment and vote against any elected official who votes for the amendment in Congress or in a state legislature.

Kerry's campaign said he would also sign such a pledge.

Edwards would not sign the pledge, noting that the North Carolina senator "doesn't do any pledges," according to a spokesperson. Campaign spokespersons for the other candidates said they could not determine their candidates' position on such a pledge by press time.

Gay activists Robin Tyler and John Aravosis started the pledge campaign on DontAmend.com. The site claims 11,706 people signed the pledge as of earlier this week.

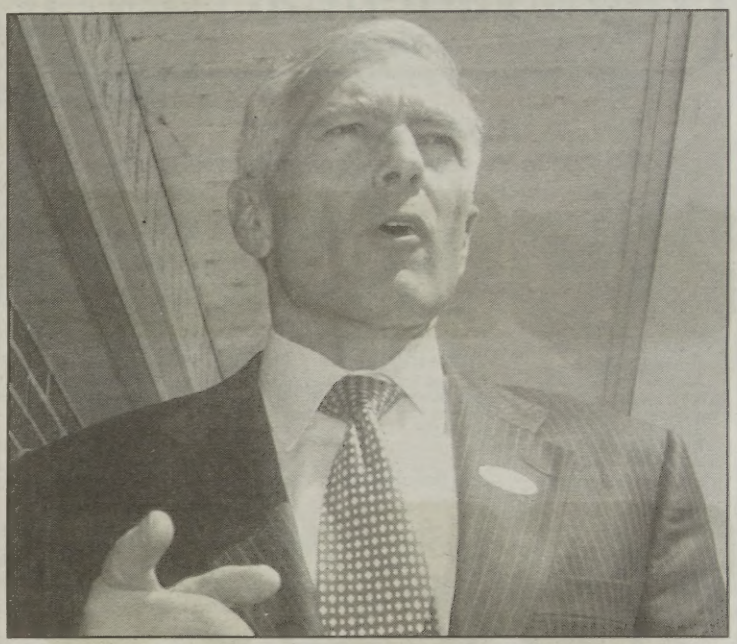
HRC officials say more than 169,000 people signed on to an HRC Web site MillionforCivilMarriage.com. which calls on people to "support the right of every American to marry, including gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender couples."

Anti-gay groups created their own Internet sites urging their supporters to sign petitions to members of Congress and state legislators to express support for the constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

Gay activists said they were hopeful that Musgrave's proposed amendment would die in the House, as it did last year, when a number of prominent Republicans and conservatives announced their opposition to the amendment.

Among the opponents is Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.), chair of the House Judiciary Committee, which must approve the amendment before it can be sent to the House floor for a vote. Former Rep. Bob Barr (R-Ga.), a strong opponent of gay marriage and the author of the Defense of Marriage Act, which allows states to refuse to recognize same-sex marriages approved by other states, said he, too, opposes a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

Sensenbrenner and Barr have said such an amendment would violate the nation's longstanding tradition of leaving authority over issues such as marriage to individual states.



Former Army General **Wesley Clark** on Wednesday became the 10th Democrat to announce he is seeking the party's nomination for president. The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force called this the most pro-gay group of presidential candidates in U.S. history. (Photo by AP)

U.S. Rep. **Dennis Kucinich** (D-Ohio) is one of three Democrats campaigning for his party's presidential nomination who support same-sex marriage. **Carol Moseley Braun** and Rev. **Al Sharpton** are the other two. All 10 of the Democratic presidential candidates have indicated they do not support a constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage. (Photos by AP)

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European Parliament backs gay marriage, adoption rights

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Against objections by a main parliamentary group, the European Parliament this month recommended that gays be allowed to marry and adopt children, Agence France-Presse reported. The body governs the European Union. As part of its annual report on human rights, the EU leadership issued its support for gay rights over protests by the conservative European People's Party, the main parliamentary group, the press agency reported. One official said that by improving its own laws regarding gays, it will allow the EU to take a leadership role in improving conditions for gays around the world. "The EU can't denounce what happens outside it without addressing the issues happening within it," French Socialist Adeline Hazan said. The report, which was adopted by a 221-195 vote with 23 abstensions, also urges trans-Atlantic airlines to stop giving personal information on passengers, required by the United States as part of anti-terrorism measures. According to the parliamentary report, the United States does not guarantee privacy on such information, as EU members should expect, the agency reported.

French Socialist **Adeline Hazan** said the European Union's vote to push for gays to be allowed to marry and adopt children will make it easier for the continent to lead on those issues worldwide.

South African gay activists want same-sex marriage efforts to increase

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — The Lesbian & Gay Equality Project welcomed the South Africa Law Commission's discussion paper on domestic partnerships, including same-sex marriages, the Cape Times reported. "Though the commission proposes different avenues for resolving the matter, it is explicitly clear in confirming that the absence of formal legal recognition of same-sex marriage is unconstitutional," the LGEP said in a statement. "The Equality Project is, however, of the view that only one of the proposals made by the commission offers a valid solution: that same-sex couples should be admitted into the existing marriage regime." The group supported domestic partnerships and the proposed domestic partnership law, but believed such legislation alone did not cover marriage, the Times noted. Domestic partnerships were designed for people who were in relationships but did not want to enter into marriage. The LGEP called on South African officials "to act with due haste on this matter," the Times reported.

Korean gay activist testifies against ruling on gay Web site

SEOUL, South Korea — In Seoul High Court, a prominent gay-rights advocate and cultural critic defended the country's first gay Web site over objections to it from the Information Communication Ethics Committee, Joong Ang Daily reported. Seo Dong-jin appeared before the appeals court as part of a bid to overturn a Seoul Administrative Court ruling August last year that upheld the committee's decision to ban minors from entering the Web site, X-Zone. The appeal was brought by X-Zone operator Kim Gwang-soo. "The Web site should be respected as a space for homosexual Internet users' communication," Seo testified. "It is a social forum for homosexual adolescents who are sharing information on their sexuality." Seo said the Web site did not host any obscene materials, making it safe for youngsters to enter, the newspaper reported. But the ethics panel, part of the Ministry of Information & Communication, said young people should not be able to freely enter sexually oriented Web sites.

Report hints that Indian leaders will ignore homosexuality in private

NEW DELHI — Government officials will turn a blind eye if homosexuality is practiced between two consenting adults in private, a Central Government affidavit suggests, the Sify News of India reported. A Home Ministry affidavit, submitted in Delhi High Court, said the basic thrust of the argument of pro-gay activists was the perceived violation of the fundamental liberties guaranteed in the Constitution, the newspaper reported. But the report said there is no violation of fundamental liberty as long as any gay sex act is practiced between two consenting adults in privacy as in the case of heterosexuality. That statement is contrary to the established law that if an act amounts to a criminal offense, it would be so even if it was done privately, Sify News stated. "In India, Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code has been basically used to punish sexual abuse to children and to compliment lacunae in the rape laws," the affidavit said.

Amnesty International warns of dangers to gays in Honduras

NEW YORK — The worldwide human rights group Amnesty International has issued an urgent appeal for activists to contact authorities in Honduras as killings of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people in that country continue to rise, according to an Amnesty press release. Transgender rights activist Elkyn Suárez Mejía is a witness in the case of Erick David Yánez, 19, a transgendered person allegedly killed by two police officers. Amnesty officials said the court of San Pedro Sula recently informed Suárez Mejía, who has received death threats warning her not to appear as a witness in the case against the officers charged with killing Yanez, that police protection provided to her would be withdrawn. "We are mobilizing our members to contact Honduran authorities and demand the immediate reinstatement of the protective order for Elkyn Suárez Mejía," said Michael Heflin, Director of Amnesty International USA's OUTfront program.

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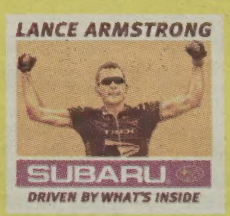

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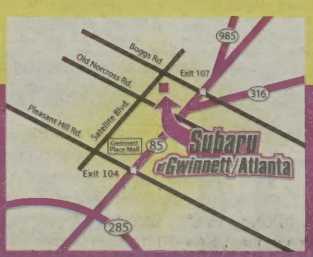

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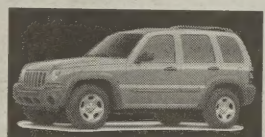

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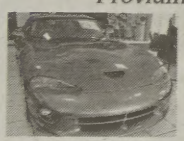

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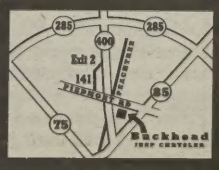

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Ore. man sentenced for orchestrating partner's suicide

Oregon activists campaigned for the right of doctor-assisted suicide for terminally-ill patients. The law passed, but it won't help an Oregon man who claims he helped his lover commit suicide. Oscar Duenas survived the double-suicide attempt and has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for helping his lover die.

HILLSBORO, Ore. (AP) — A Beaverton man was sentenced Sept. 11 to almost 10 years in prison for orchestrating the suicide of his lover. Oscar Duenas, 52, is the first person prosecuted in Oregon for assisting in a suicide. Although Oregon is the only state in the nation that allows physician-assisted suicide, aiding a suicide outside the law is punishable as second-degree manslaughter under the state's criminal code. In August, Duenas was convicted of manslaughter, attempted manslaughter and assault in Hobert Muir's death. Duenas claimed Muir's death was part of a suicide pact the two had made, but that his own attempt at suicide had failed. Hotel workers found the couple, who overdosed on pills, lying unconscious in a Beaverton hotel on Dec. 2. As Duenas recovered, Muir's organs began failing. Muir, 73, died Dec. 19 when he was taken off life support. Senior Deputy District Attorney Jim Fun said he chose to prosecute Duenas because of his history of physically abusing Muir. Duenas previously was convicted of fourth-degree assault for two separate incidents of abuse and was ordered not to have contact with Muir.

Letter: Inmate claims he killed convicted priest over children

BOSTON (AP) — A letter purporting to be from Joseph L. Druce, the convict who allegedly killed former priest John Geoghan in prison, claims Druce was a victim of sex abuse as a child and calls for tougher measures against those who prey on children. The letter, postmarked Sept. 4, was received by the Catholic Free Press, the weekly newspaper of the Worcester diocese, which published a story about it. Geoghan, who was convicted of fondling a 10-year-old boy, has identified himself as a heterosexual in an interview with the Boston Globe. Druce, 38, is serving a life sentence for the 1988 murder of a gay man. Authorities have said he hates gays, Jews, blacks and other minorities. Druce unsuccessfully used an insanity defense during his 1989 trial in the killing of George Rollo, 51, a gay man who allegedly made a sexual advance toward Druce after picking him up hitchhiking. Druce's attorney has said he expects to use the insanity defense again.

Pittsburgh police investigating whether murder was hate crime

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Police are trying to determine whether a man who was stabbed to death in a downtown park just hours after he visited at least two gay bars was targeted because of his sexual orientation. Witnesses said three men wearing dark clothing attacked Michael Hixson, 38, around 2 a.m. Sept. 12. Police are trying to determine whether Hixson's sexual orientation made him a target or whether he was the victim of a robbery or random attack. Tony Rubino, the owner of Liberty Avenue Saloon, one of the bars Hixson had visited before he was attacked, said his patrons aren't usually targeted because of their sexual orientation. "People get mugged down here, people get beat up," Rubino said. "But I don't think it has to do with their lifestyles."

Texas man who gave silicone injections surrenders

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who Houston police say told them he gave thousands of silicone injections surrendered after being accused of injecting silicone into a transgendered woman who died after it leaked into surrounding tissues. Allan David Gibson, 49, turned himself in Sept. 11, police said. He has been charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon based on the Aug. 17 death of David Harold Reese Jr., 31. Police told the Houston Chronicle that Gibson could not recall if he had provided Reese with injections "because he does so many," the police complaint states. The injections are used by some trans people to enhance body parts without the side effects or costs involved in hormone therapy. Two transgendered women, besides Reese, have died in recent months after receiving illegal silicone injections from people without medical licenses, police have said.

Calif. man convicted in dog mauling death of lesbian to be paroled

SAN FRANCISCO — One of the two people convicted in the dog mauling of a San Francisco lesbian is expected to be paroled this week, according to media reports. Robert Noel, 62, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the 2001 death of Diane Whipple. He has served about half of his four-year sentence. He will be on parole for at least three years. Noel's wife, Marjorie Knoller, also was sentenced to four years in prison, but officials said she is not yet eligible for early release. Whipple, 33, was killed by the couple's two Canary Island dogs in a hallway of the apartment building where she and Noel and Knoller lived. Sharon Smith, Whipple's domestic partner, won a major victory for lesbian and gay couples when the state legislature passed a law allowing partners to sue for wrongful death, according to media reports.

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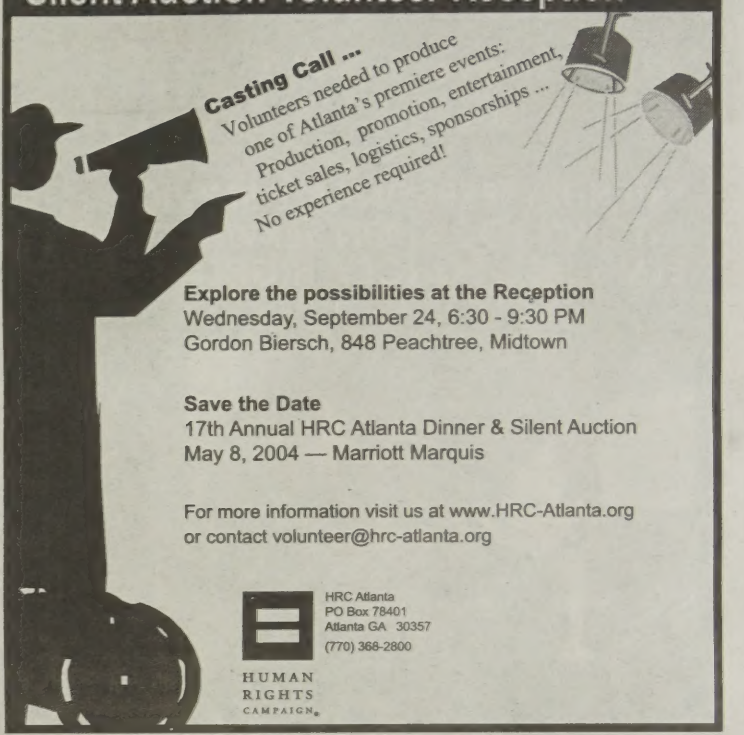

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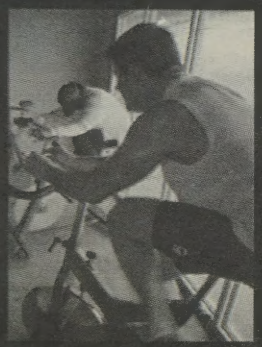

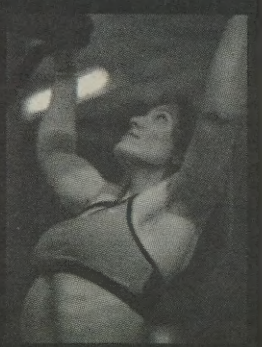

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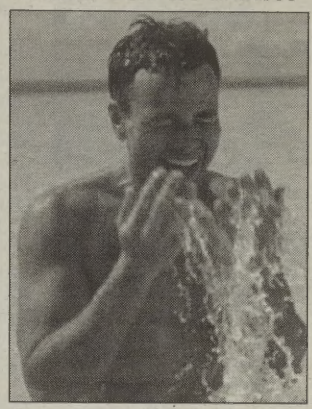

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Lesbians may be at greater risk for heart disease

By LAUREL FAUST

Lesbians may have a greater risk of heart disease than other women, preliminary research by Dr. Stephanie Roberts and Suzanne Dibble shows.

The study, published in the July/August issue of the Women's Health Issues journal, surveyed 324 lesbians age 40 and older who live in California and their biological sisters closest in age. The women were asked to take measurements of their waists, chests, hips, height and weight. They also answered questions relating to their age, ethnicity, employment, menopausal status and eating, exercise and smoking habits.

The original focus of the study was supposed to be on lesbians and their risk of breast cancer, but Roberts said a pattern immediately emerged that lesbians have a "significantly higher" body mass index, waist circumference and waist-to-hip ratio than their sisters.

The mean waist circumference of the lesbians was 34.2 inches, which neared but was not above the 35-inch cutoff point that is associated with cardiovascular disease. The mean measurement was 1.8 inches higher than the mean measurement of the straight sisters.

The mean waist-to-hip measurement of the lesbians, 0.82, exceeded the 0.80 cutoff point recommended for cardiovascular health. The mean waist-to-hip ratio for the sisters was 0.80. The mean BMI, 26.5 for the lesbians and 25.5 for the sisters, was over the recommended cutoff of 25 for both groups. The lesbians also reported a greater incidence of weight cycling, the tendency to repeatedly lose and gain weight.

The findings showed that lesbians may have measurements indicative of "abdominal/visceral adiposity," a body condition in which fat deposits itself on the organs themselves. Given this, the report states, lesbians "may have a metabolic profile placing them at higher risk for cardiovascular disease."

Roberts said that the message is not getting across to lesbians about the risks of being overweight and the connection to heart disease and other illnesses. She said that lesbians may have different attitudes toward body image and weight, and that this needs to be understood before an effective educational message can be developed.

"I think what we'd find in the lesbian community as a whole is that lesbians would probably respond to a message relating to their health rather than to a message relating to beauty," Roberts said.

Kathleen DeBold, executive director of the Mautner Project, agreed.

"We need to get fit. We need to work out, eat right, and the way to do this is to have programs that are by and for lesbians," DeBold said.

She said that heart disease, though it's the No. 1 killer of women, traditionally is presumed to be a man's disease. She added that research on the illness focuses on men, and that even the recent push to educate women about heart disease targets heterosexual women.

Lisbeth Melendez Rivera, director of community education and training for the National Latina/o Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Organization, said prevention messages must be tailored to lesbians and ethnic populations.

"I think that part of the issue is that because the messages are not culturally competent to the populations they're trying to reach, they will not be effective in prevention," Melendez Rivera said.

She said that risks for heart disease are often higher in women of color because there is less access to health care.

"You're talking about a potential epidemic for which no targeted research has been made," Melendez Rivera said.

Cheryl Pearson-Fields, health & education research director for the Mautner Project, said that lesbian women are more accepting of different body types.

"One of the things that identifies lesbian women is that we love women's bodies — period," Melendez Rivera said. "Our partners are more likely to say, 'Honey, I love you the way you are.' "

Pearson-Fields said that public education campaigns need to move beyond the "straight white culture box."

"If a health care message isn't targeted, it doesn't reach its intended audience. That's just basic public health education," she said.

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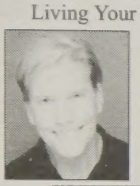

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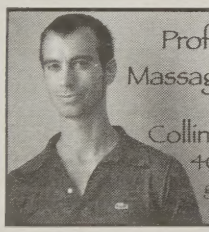

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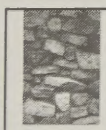

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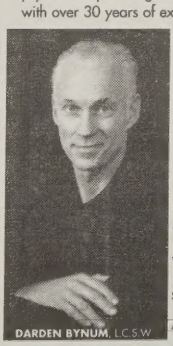

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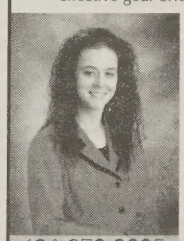

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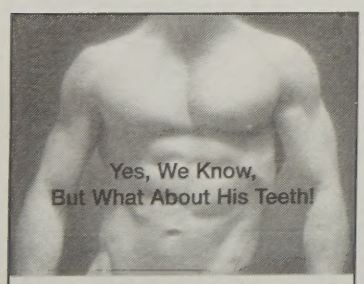

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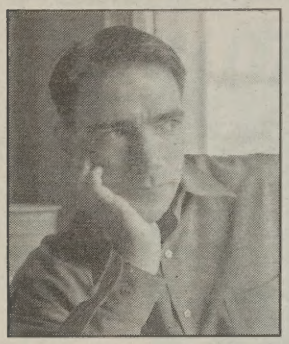
Court reinstates gay doctor's case against U.S. Air Force

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court ruled that a gay doctor discharged from the U.S. Air Force may not have to pay $71,500 to the government for his medical education. John Hensala, 38, obtained free medical school funding from the U.S. Air Force in exchange for a promise to serve four years as a military doctor. But when he was ordered to report for duty, he notified the service that he was gay and told authorities he would be living with his boyfriend at Scott Air Force Base in Kansas, where he was to report in 1995. The military discharged him under the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy barring service by gays, and demanded he return the $71,500 the government spent on his education. Hensala sued, saying he shouldn't have to pay. Judge Sidney Thomas and Judge Richard Paez of the Ninth Circuit said it may be discriminatory to require gays to pay back the government for their education if they were forced from the service against their will. The majority ordered the case returned to U.S. District Judge William Alsup, possibly for a trial. In 2001, Alsup dismissed Hensala's suit against the Air Force before trial. Alsup said Hensala should be required to pay back the government because he voluntarily came out as gay and should have known the consequences of violating the military's policy.



Federal judges this week said it may be discriminatory for the U.S. Air Force to demand its money back from gays, like **John Hensala**, who obtain an education through the military in exchange for service, and then are ejected from the military due to the 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy.

Drug-resistant staph found on USC football team

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Seven USC football players became infected with a painful staph skin infection before their first game of the season last month and four had to be hospitalized, health and school officials reported. Drug-resistant staph infections are not only a growing problem for sports teams but also in jails, among gays and among children. The outbreak, which is believed to be over now, demonstrated what a serious problem drug-resistant Staphylococcus aureus has become in competitive sports, officials at the Los Angeles County Department of Health said. "Any situation where you may have significant skin abrasions and where you have potential breaks in normal hygiene practice — sharing equipment, sharing towels — it is possible to spread infection," said Dr. Fred Fielding, Los Angeles County's public health director. The cases identified at USC, known as methicillin-resistant staph, don't respond to the most frequently used antibiotics, such as penicillin and erythromycin. Instead, such drugs as Bactrim, rifampin, clindamycin, the expensive antibiotic Zyvox, and intravenous vancomycin must be used.

Ill. man mistakenly told he was HIV-positive sues laboratory

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. (AP) — A hardware salesman is suing a medical laboratory that mistakenly told him he was HIV-positive. Brett Bareford, 45, of Granite City was wrongly informed he was HIV-positive after he submitted blood samples for testing during a physical examination on June 25, 2002, said Rhonda Jenkins, Bareford's attorney. "Of course, he was just a mess," Jenkins said. "He kept thinking there must be a mistake, but he was assured that these tests are accurate." The lawsuit filed in Madison County names Tri-Lab LLC as a defendant. It seeks damages in excess of $50,000 for extreme emotional distress, anxiety, mental anguish, embarrassment and lost wages. A Tri-Lab employee would not comment on the lawsuit. Jenkins said.

VaxGen stock up on study linking smallpox vaccine, HIV prevention

NEW YORK (AP) — VaxGen Inc. stock gained value after a university study suggested that a smallpox vaccination may help prevent HIV infection. Researchers at George Mason University's National Center for Biodefense said the preliminary findings were based on laboratory studies conducted on the blood cells of individuals recently vaccinated with Madison, N.J.-based Wyeth Inc.'s smallpox virus. VaxGen spokesperson Lance Ignon declined to speculate on the reason for the stock's move but added that he "wouldn't necessarily link" it to the possible HIV-smallpox connection. VaxGen's smallpox vaccine is based on a different strain than Wyeth's and Acambis' vaccines, Ignon noted. The company would have to see stronger evidence of a benefit before it investigates the link between smallpox and HIV, he said.

Shorter turn-around time mandated on HIV testing for N.Y. newborns

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The state health department will soon cut the time limit within which newborns must be tested for the AIDS virus by three quarters to give drug therapies a better chance of preventing transmission of the disease from mother to baby. Under a new requirement on birth centers to take effect Nov. 1, the department is mandating that the results of blood tests on newborns be returned within 12 hours. The current time limit, under a 1999 mandate from the state, is 48 hours — too late, health department officials said, to give drug therapy against mother-child transmission of HIV the best chances of working. Those drugs should be administered within 12 hours of when a woman presents herself for delivery or, if she refuses to consent to the test, within 12 hours of the birth of her child, according to health officials.

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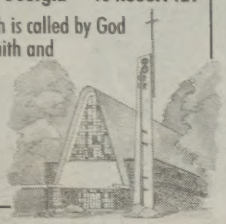

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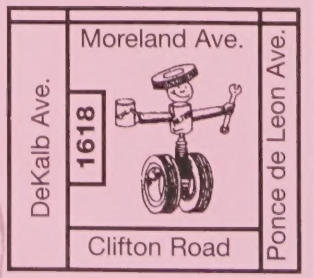

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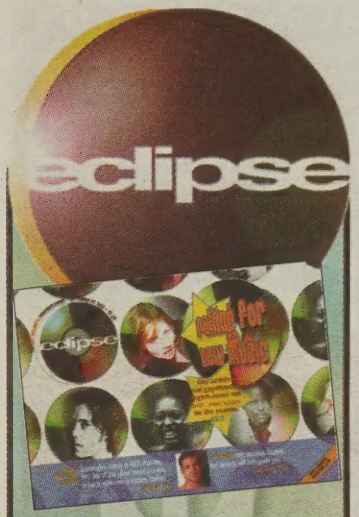

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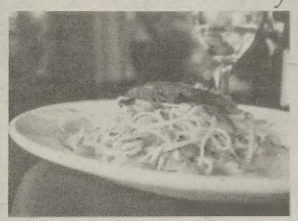

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ONE GOAL OF TED'S MONTANA Grill, a new chain, is the popularization of buffalo meat. Owner Ted Turner — yes, the local tycoon and conservationist — raises them on his vast Western ranchlands.

The restaurants are already located in several states, and there's been one out in Norcross for a while. Finally, we have one in town, in the Fairlie-Poplar district. Another opens shortly in the Buckhead space that was Fishbone.

The downtown Ted's might be considered the flagship. It occupies the ground floor of the Bona-Allen building. Upstairs are the offices of the Turner Foundation — and Ted's own pied-a-terre. One imagines the mogul sending down for a burger after a hard day making money and saving the world.

The Bona-Allen is a handsome, if unexceptional, early 20th century structure. But with the Turner presence, it is dressed up, with highly designed new awnings over the sidewalk and a glamorous little lobby.

But I gather that the restaurant itself is virtually indistinguishable from its sisters across the country. In fact, there appears to be nothing at all left to local interpretation in the formula at Ted's.

Ted's provides the most tightly scripted dining experience I have had in years. Normally, that is not my cup of bison bouillon. But I must say that in just about every way, this place is excellent.

And if the servers can't refrain from giving way too much information about every last thing, it might be our own fault. They ask twice en route to the table if it's my first visit, and I make the mistake of saying yes. Did I simply not recognize the off switch?

TABLES ARE MOSTLY BOOTHS that are very ample and private. There's lavish paneling, a pressed tin ceiling, and reproductions of Bierstadt's western paintings, which Turner collects.

The look is supposed to reprise a turn-of-the-last-century Western saloon. This is total marketing hogwash, of course, but the result is perfectly comfortable.

The menu consists of a few salads, about 20 burgers available in buffalo or beef, a similar range of chicken sandwiches, a daily "blue plate," and in the evening, half a dozen entrees.

What we actually have here is a . . . diner. If you doubt it, count the number of condiment jars on every table.

Buffalo meat is not as exotic as you might think. It's leaner than beef, with a slightly deeper, earthier taste — cabernet to beef's shiraz, perhaps. But the difference is so subtle that when smothered in cheese, onions, peppers or gravy, diners can't tell.

For starters, an eggless Caesar ($3.75) salad lacks bite, but it's refreshing and dotted with wonderfully gossamer croutons. An iceberg wedge ($3.75) is like a BLT without the bread. It's the butch ranch-hand antithesis of a nelly little plate of boutique greens.

Onion rings ($2.75) are classic: thick cut, with a hard crunchy exterior and melting interior. Greaseless, they are still delicious cold at meal's end.

Skin-on fries ($1.75) are odd but intriguing. Are they actually baked? They're rather strangely dry and crunchy like breadsticks.

POT ROAST ($11.50), BLANKETED BY rich brown gravy, is one dish in which the distinctiveness of bison gets lost. Still, this is a big, satisfying plate, with garlic mashed potatoes and green beans.

Roasted bison loin ($17.95) is a better choice for tasting buffalo — just simple slices of meat, with mild horseradish sauce on the side. It comes with thick slices of actual ripe tomato and a vegetable.

The sole fish option is steelhead trout ($13.95) roasted on a cedar plank, which gives it a sharp, pleasant woody scent. Moist and flavorful, it comes with the horseradish — or, better choice of a chive tartar sauce and vegetable.

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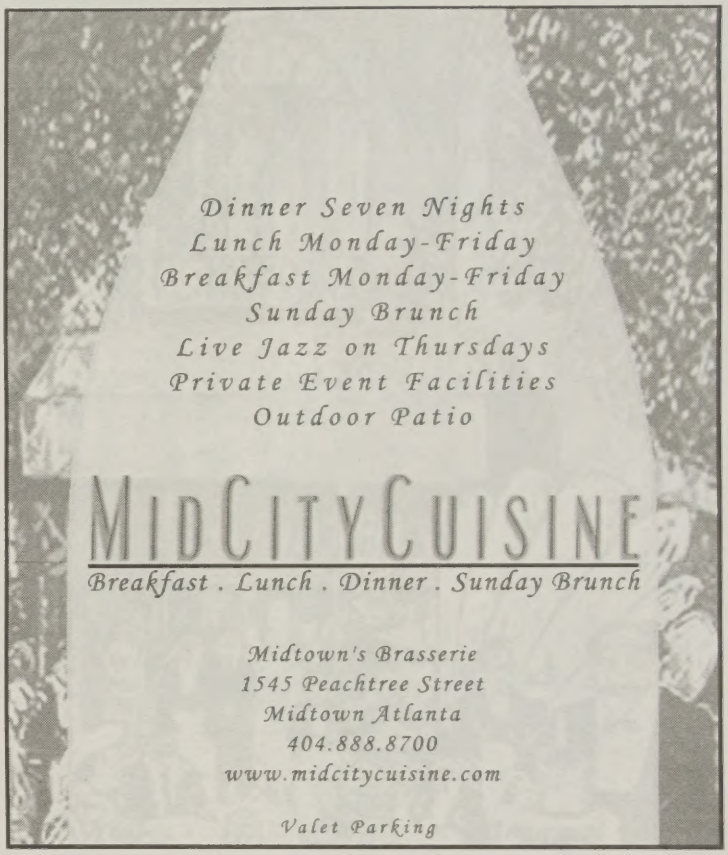

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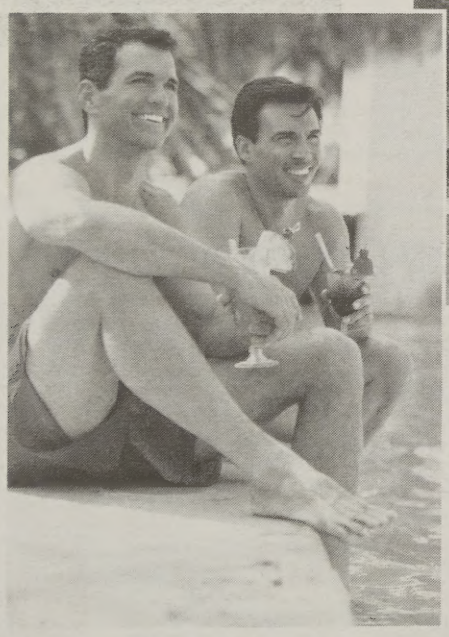

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Cartoonist prefers edge to mainstream

DYKES COMPILATION, continued from Page 33

the stuff that's going down and he's getting away with," Bechdel says.

Politics isn't the only part of Bechdel's real life that finds its way to "Dykes," but fans shouldn't assume the strip is autobiographical.

"It's not like it's really autobiographical in terms of what happens to the characters, but I have these conversations with my girlfriend that Mo and Sydney have," Bechdel says. "I didn't have a dildo removed from my suitcase at the airport. I make all of that stuff up."

And none of the characters represents Bechdel's partner.

"They're all me! I'm very selfish that way," Bechdel says. "But I have to say my girlfriend probably wrote half the punchlines in this book. She always gets really mad when I forget to give her credit."

There's a funny episode in the book where Clarice and Toni drive to Vermont to get hitched, something Bechdel sees first hand on a regular basis.

"I get my little annual town report, and there have been a huge number of civil unions," Bechdel says. "I happen to live near a resort, and all these people come from not just all over the country but other countries to have civil unions here."

Another cultural phenomenon that Bechdel seems fascinated with in "Dykes" is something she calls "superstore culture."

"Over the past 12 or 13 years, I've just seen these boxes going up everywhere like fungi and it's horrifying," she says. "I have to go to these big box stores, because they put everybody else out of business. I can't go buy a frickin' envelope anywhere. I have to go to Staples and buy a pallet-ful of them!"

"DYKES" IS NOW SO POPULAR THAT Bechdel is even tossing around the idea of a live-action feature.

"I think it could be interesting, even though I would never want to see it done on TV or any medium other than cartooning," she says. "Not even animation because it's inherently a comic strip to me. But I think I'm becoming less purist about that."

A national syndicate approached Bechdel a decade ago to create a strip with a gay character for mainstream daily newspapers, an idea that finally sees fruition this month in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution with another cartoonist's work **(See story on page 31).**

But Bechdel declined the offer because she likes the edgy subject matter that her regular feature enjoys.

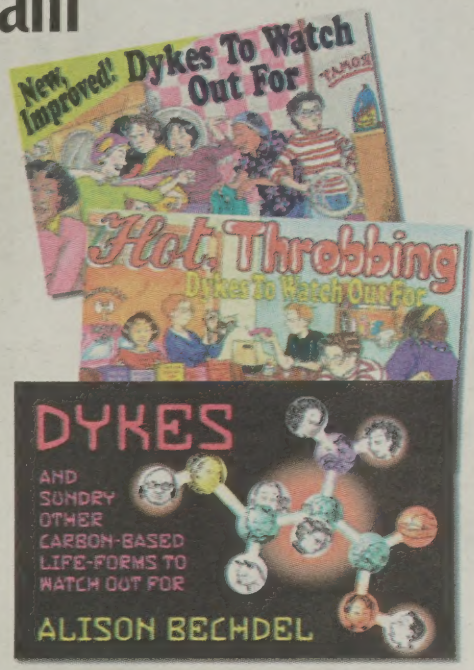
"You look in the funny pages, and everything there is so incredibly banal," Bechdel says. "I think I would lose my mind if I had to write that drivel."

Bechdel holds particular disdain for the nationally synidcated strips "Cathy" and "Buckles," but singles out "For Better Or Worse" as an exception worthy of high honors.

"There's some good stuff in the daily papers, and I love 'For Better,'" she says. "It's one of the few strips that happens in real time. I try to do that in my own work, having the characters aging."

Bechdel jokes that in 20 years, the "Dykes" characters will be just sitting around and bitching about the news.

"That's all they do now," she laughs. "I'm going to have to get some young blood into the strip somehow. I mean, they're all having kids now, so that's something."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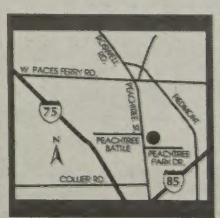

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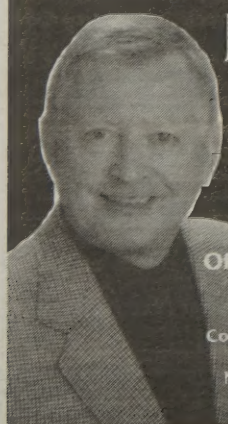

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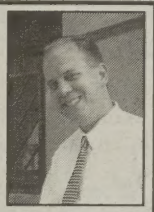
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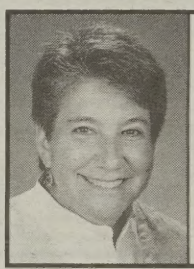
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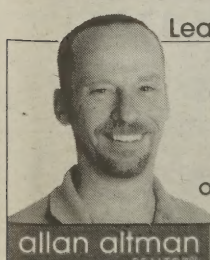
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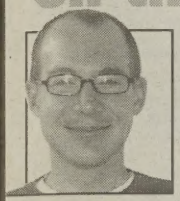

Homes, gardens highlighted in annual tour show **gay 'urban pioneers'** moved into **Grant Park** area to make it livable again.

Gay Grant Park homeowner **Larry Bachmann** proudly shows his 1907 home as part of the annual Grant Park Homes & Gardens Tour next weekend. (Photo courtesy Grant Park Homes & Gardens Tour)

Distinctive homes and gardens at 354 Grant Park and 622 Grant Street exemplify the diversity in a neighborhood given to the city of Atlanta as a gift from a wealthy landowner in the 19th century. (Photos courtesy Grant Park Homes & Gardens Tour)

Diversity is job one

MUCH IS CHANGED IN GRANT PARK since gay homeowner Larry Bachmann moved into the neighborhood almost five years ago. Both gay and straight couples moved into once empty homes and made outward transformations to the area.

The evolution of the neighborhood has good and not-so-good facets, but visitors to the neighborhood mostly see the positive changes being made — many by gay homeowners who are at the forefront of restoration efforts, Bachmann says.

"The community has changed in some very good ways, and people will see that when they come," Bachmann says. "There are a number of gay couples in the neighborhood, and it has been that way for a long time."

Gay couples have relocated to Grant Park for decades, and over the past 10 years, out families have become visible and involved in the neighborhood, he says.

The neighborhood between the park and Turner Field has a distinct character, and many of the homes underwent renewal after the neighborhood was named a Historical District in 2000.

BACHMANN'S ORMOND STREET HOME doubles as a studio for Four Leo's Stained Glass Art, his home-based business that he began after retiring from medicine.

Visitors have an opportunity to see the work first-hand this weekend at the Grant Park Homes & Gardens Tour. The tour, now in its 30th year, features a close-up look at the distinctive area as well as cooking exhibitions, designing sessions and gardening tips.

"We are inviting all of Atlanta to spend a day in our neighborhood, to learn about the history of Grant Park through the homes that showcase more than 100 years of architectural styles and trends," says Terri Heyns, spokesperson for the event.

Gay sightseers can enjoy such distinctive homes as the Burns House, a Civil War-era home that features 33 rooms, a multitude of fireplaces and spacious outdoor porches.

The home has had an interesting life from its highs at the turn-of-the century to its low point of being sold for $3,000 at auction in the 1930s and reportedly operating as a house of ill repute during the Depression.

Winston Killingsworth, Glenn Storie and J. Lanier Walters refurbished the Burns House in 1999.

Also on the tour is the diminutive 1,500-square foot Grant Park Place home of Pat Berryhill and Rick Schroder that features Pat's "trashy chic" stylings and extensive landscaping work by Schroder.

Another must-see highlight recommended by organizers is the "Big Rock Candy Mountain" gardens at the Oakland Avenue home of Amy Handler.

TOUR ORGANIZERS SAY THE HOMES and gardens on display, as well as the many weekend events connected to the tour, offer gay visitors an opportunity to get to know the diverse Atlanta neighborhood.

"From the 1970s, a lot of folks renovated homes, and now the area is really taking shape with the time and efforts of the community," Heyns says.

The work done by "urban pioneers" was essential to the redevelopment of the historical district, she says.

"There's a lot of diversity in Grant Park," Heyns says. "The neighborhood and the homes really reflect the variety of people who live in them."

For tour attendees, the most outstanding aspect of Grant Park is that the homes retain their distinct styles, Bachmann says.

"My home is still in the original style that it was when it was built in 1907," he says.

It's gratifying to see that homes that sat vacant are now being returned to their original splendor, Bachmann says.

Grant Park was founded in 1881 as a gift to the city from Lemuel P. Grant. The 127-acre area is also home to Zoo Atlanta and the Cyclorama.

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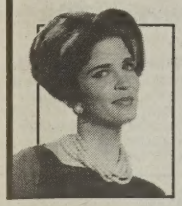

Coming out to co-workers is liberating, but chances are you were the last to know they **already had you pegged.**

Honey, they already knew

Dear Ms Behavior,

At a large staff lunch last month, I was asked — yet again — if I had ever been married or if I had a girlfriend. I finally decided the time had come, and I announced that I was gay.

Since then, the women in the office have been very accepting about my queer status. But with my male counterparts, it's a totally different story.

They, for some reason, think I'm sexually attracted to all of them. I have a boyfriend and no interest in any of these jerks.

And I'm tired of being bombarded with gross jokes — verbal and e-mail — that are degrading to gays and make disgusting references about women.

I've had it! How can I get these idiots to knock it off with getting myself or any of them fired?

—Michael

Dear Michael:

Congratulations on coming out!

Your coworkers probably have known that you're queer for ages. Why else would they have asked you again and again if you were married or had a girlfriend? You may also be the only man in the office who doesn't wear Dockers and boat shoes on dress-down Friday.

If it's been only a month since you've confirmed their suspicions, the novelty of having a homo in the office may soon wear off, in which case you may not need to do anything.

In the meantime, you could make it your mission to do a little one-on-one educating of these testosterone-driven scaredy cats. They'll think of it as a game of basketball, and you'll think of it as a game of, "I'm not interested in you if you're the last man on earth."

Have your delightful coworkers met your boyfriend? If not, you might invite him to an office event, or at least to pick you up at work. Meeting the real-life object of your love might allow the homophobes to feel less threatened by your overwhelming manly sexuality.

Embrace your female friends at work. They'll stick up for you, provide support when you need it, and complain about how a good man is hard to find.

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Dear Ms. Behavior:

My dear straight friend Margaret, who's married to my other friend Richard, is dying to hook up with a woman. Margaret says she's extra horny now, for some hormonal reason that I don't want to know about, and wants me to secretly fix her up with a butch dyke who's interested in a fling.

I'm a gay man, and I do have some lesbian friends, but I don't know if I should participate in this. I'd like to help Margaret, but I'm not sure I'd feel good about it, because she'd be betraying Richard, who's a great guy.

What do you think I should do?

—Betwixt and Between

Dear Betwixt and Between:

Don't allow Margaret and her throbbing libido to place a heavy burden on you. You might have been willing to pimp her out for the weekend to one of your butch friends, if you didn't care for Richard or didn't have strong feelings about their commitment.

But since Margaret isn't willing to tell Richard about her plans and you have misgivings about being involved, you shouldn't act as facilitator for her fantasy.

At the same time, you're not the protector of Margaret's relationship, so you needn't offer her self-help books on restoring passion to heterosexual marriage or withhold directions to the nearest dyke bar, should she ask.

If Margaret decides to try to find a woman without you, you'll need to set your own limits regarding your involvement. You may feel fine, for example, about offering suggestions on a lesbian-luring hairstyle and providing lesbian cultural history, but not feel comfortable offering tips about muff diving — as if.

Meryl Cohn is the author of 'Do What I Say: Ms. Behavior's Guide to Gay & Lesbian Etiquette.' She can be reached at msbehavior@aol.com.

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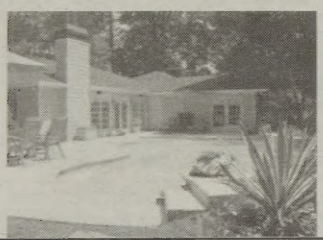

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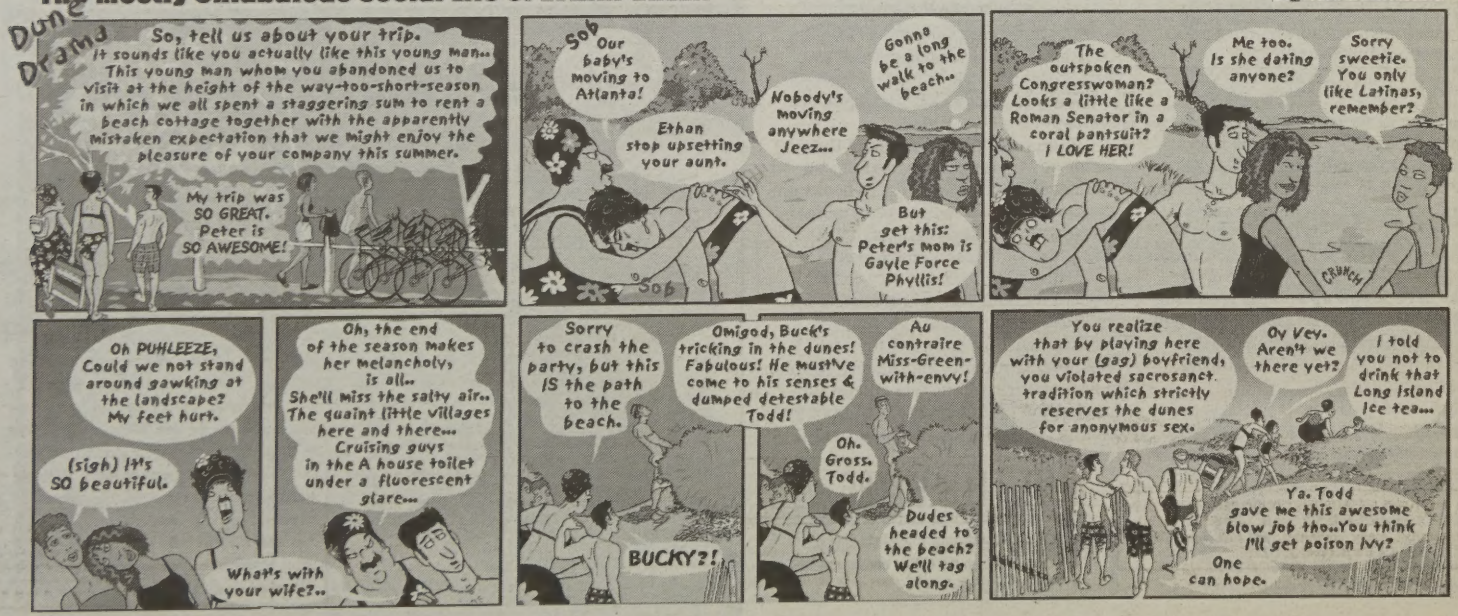
Dune Drama
So, tell us about your trip. It sounds like you actually like this young man... This young man whom you abandoned us to visit at the height of the way-too-short-season in which we all spent a staggering sum to rent a beach cottage together with the apparently mistaken expectation that we might enjoy the pleasure of your company this summer.
My trip was SO GREAT. Peter is SO AWESOME!
Sob Our baby's moving to Atlanta!
Ethan stop upsetting your aunt.
Nobody's moving anywhere Jeez...
Gonna be a long walk to the beach..
But get this: Peter's mom is Gayle Force Phyllis!
Sob
The outspoken Congresswoman? Looks a little like a Roman Senator in a coral pantsuit? I LOVE HER!
Me too. Is she dating anyone?
Sorry sweetie. You only like Latinas, remember?
CRUNCH
Oh PUHLEEZE, Could we not stand around gawking at the landscape? My feet hurt.
(sigh) It's SO beautiful.
Oh, the end of the season makes her melancholy, is all.. She'll miss the salty air.. The quaint little villages here and there... Cruising guys in the A house toilet under a fluorescent glare...
What's with your wife?..
Sorry to crash the party, but this IS the path to the beach.
BUCKY?!
Omigod, Buck's tricking in the dunes! Fabulous! He must've come to his senses & dumped detestable Todd!
Au contraire Miss-Green-with-envy!
Oh. Gross. Todd.
Dudes headed to the beach? We'll tag along.
You realize that by playing here with your (gag) boyfriend, you violated sacrosanct tradition which strictly reserves the dunes for anonymous sex.
Oy Vey. Aren't we there yet?
I told you not to drink that Long Island Ice tea...
Ya. Todd gave me this awesome blow job tho..You think I'll get poison ivy?
One can hope.

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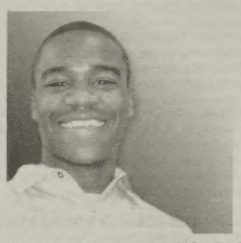

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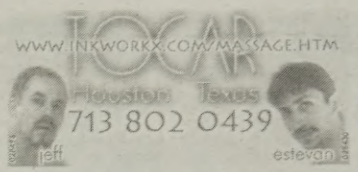

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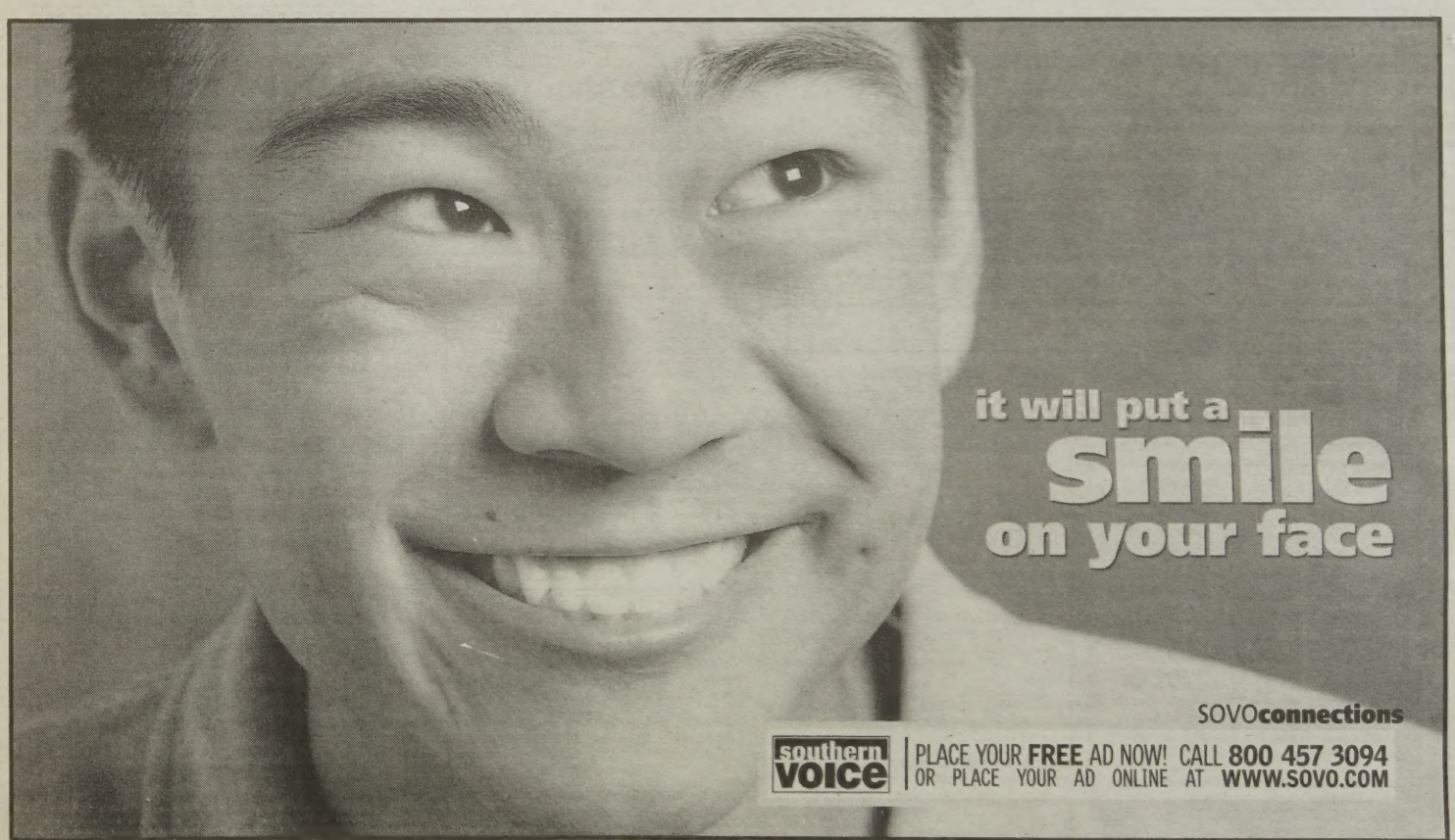

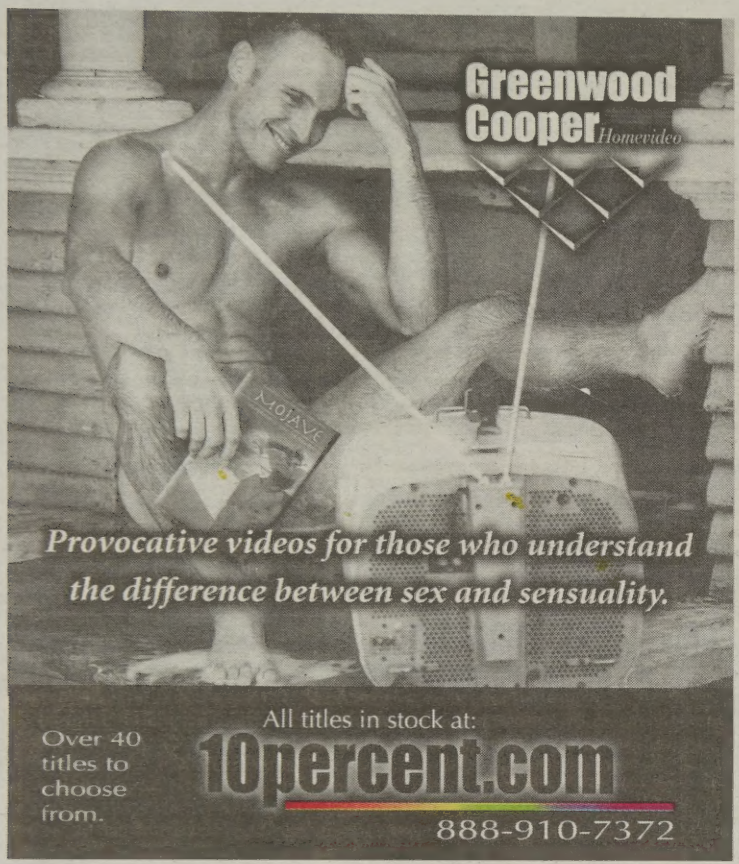
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BETTE MIDDLER FAN
SWM, 36, 5'11", brown/blue, healthy HIV+, average build, Gemini, N/S, in church choir, enjoys romance, comedy, and adventure movies. Seeking man, 30-50. Birmingham ☎685133

MANY TALENTS
Resourceful SM, 37, 6', 195lbs, blond/blue, active in entertainment industry, coffee, reading, movies, music. Would like to meet similar woman to be the love of my life. ☎682784

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS
GBM, 20, 5'9", 160lbs, attractive, intelligent, likes movies, dancing, music, travel, sports. Seeking GM, 21-26, with similar qualities and interests. ☎678134

LOOKS MUCH YOUNGER!
Attractive, outgoing, humorous, intelligent SBM, 49, seeks attractive, sexy, secure, masculine, easygoing man, 25-50, who is a good conversationalist, funny, intelligent, warm, personable, affectionate, drama-free. Atlanta ☎488663

OPENING NEW DOORS
SWM, 21, student, coming to terms with self, ripe and ready for a new relationship, seeking caring, open SM, 18-26, to spend some time with, possible LTR. Athens ☎686479

BEACH LOVER
SBM, 34, slim build, Scorpio, front desk hotel clerk, N/S, loves Kenny Rogers. Seeking man, 28-45, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎648216

SEEKING MAN TO BLOW...
my mind away. SHM, 21, Leo, smoker, bottom versatile, loves gazing at the city lights at night. Seeking BM, 20-29, for friendship, possible romance. ☎654309

SPIRITUALLY GROUNDED
Male, 22, 5'3", 140lbs, loving, caring, understanding, outgoing, spontaneous, adventurous, dedicated Gemini, loves the Lord, taking chances. Seeking outgoing, outspoken, adventurous, spontaneous, dependent top. Buford ☎645138

LET'S TALK
Down-to-earth, laid-back attractive SBM, 30, 5'11", 180lbs, dark complexion, brown eyes, clean-cut, N/S, enjoys travel. Seeking nice, good-hearted SM, 30-35, to share friendship with. ☎60186

MONOGAMOUS PROFESSIONAL
Loving man, 46, employed, active, seeks free-spirited, active SPM, loving and compassionate, who enjoys the outdoors, sporting events and life. ☎610792

GOOD CATCH
WM, 50, 5'10", 165lbs, brown/brown, moustache, goatee, HIV+ but healthy, sincere, affectionate, masculine, loves the outdoors, landscaping, gardening. Hoping to meet a man, 38-53, with similar interests and qualities. Meansville ☎374135

DO YOU LIKE TO CUDDLE?
BM, 21, 6'6", brown/brown, medium build, looking for very outgoing man, who likes the beach, clubs, camping, fishing, horseback riding, and time together. Bay Minette ☎597544

GOOD TIMES
SWM, 57, would like to meet a WM, 18-70, for fun times together, maybe more. I like fishing, hunting, flea markets, walks on the beach, holding hands. Chesnee ☎639742

I'M YOUR MAN
BiHM, 26, 5'9", 165lbs, black/brown, looking for a nice man, 18-27, for possible relationship. Call me! ☎630077

I MAKE A GOOD FRIEND
GWM, 41, clean-cut, slim, attractive, looking for mr. right, 35-45, to get to know, possible relationship. Serious inquiries only. ☎677798

CALLING ALL BODY-BUILDERS
Handsome, in shape, caring GWM, 38, 5'11", 185lbs, seeks GWM body builder for friendship, cuddling, possibly, more. Show off those muscles for your number one fan! Atlanta ☎569637

JAR SEEKS LID
GBM, short, slim, bottom, hairy, outgoing, attractive, seeking male top, 20-40, no games, to share movies, fun times, for LTR. Atlanta ☎554283

SEARCHING FOR YOU
PBM, 33, 5'11", 170lbs, loves fishing and outdoors. Looking for mature BM, 35-50, with a good sense of humor and is a good listener. Sumter ☎590532

A PHONE CALL AWAY
SBM, 30, Sagittarius, N/S, attractive, 5'11", 175lbs, fit, bottom, enjoys church, the park, seeks compatible friendly, top BM, 19-37, Decatur area. ☎573274

TIME AND THOUGHTS
SBM, 31, Aries, N/S, likes music, movies, cooking, seeks SB/HM, 24-35, N/S, for hanging out with, getting to know, for sharing time and thoughts. Atlanta ☎579378

MUST BE EASYGOING
WM, 29, bottom, looking for honest, open-minded, clean, discreet man to share fun times with. Alpharetta ☎558876

YOU HAVE TO MEET ME
BM, 27, 6'3", 195lbs, black/brown, looking for down-to-earth, open-minded man, 19-30, who likes long walks in the park, theater, cuddling, more. Atlanta ☎563543

GRAVEYARD SHIFT WORKER
SBM, 40, 5'9", 195lbs, financial company systems operator, Virgo, smoker, loves jazz and R&B music. Seeking man, 38-55, for LTR. ☎657070

JUST THE TWO OF US
GWM, 50, 5'9", 160lbs, likes travel, long walks, dining out, movies, jogging. Seeking romantic, old-fashioned GM, 40-53. ☎679721

ARE YOU EASYGOING?
WM, 5'8", 175lbs, brown/brown, enjoys staying at home or going out, cuddling, more. Looking for a man, 30-39, with similar interests. Cleveland ☎565105

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
GBM, 23, 5'7", 140lbs, enjoys sports, music, movies, dining out, playing pool. Seeking attractive, intelligent GWM, 20-30, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. Atlanta ☎624579

GET TO KNOW ME
SBM, 28, 5'5", brown/brown, manager, seeks SM, 24-56 for mutual appreciation of shared activities and companionship, possibly more. Northport ☎555523

WORTH THE CALL
SM, 23, 5'11", blond/green, swimmers build, looking for a guy, 20-30, who is interested in friendship, time together, possible relationship. ☎630381

LOOKING FOR YOU
SBM, 20, 5'10", black/brown, brown complexion, open-minded and fun, seeks similar guy for friendship, good times, talks and more. ☎602610

NASHVILLE TOP
SF, 46, 5'11", 180lbs, blond/blue, honest, sensuous, attractive, patient, moderate hairy chest, trimmed, piercings, seeks bottom man. ☎607771

LOOKING FOR YOU
GWM, 41, 5'8", 160lbs, dark/dark, HIV+, lean, muscular build, in good health, seeks GWM, 35-50, HIV+, who works out and takes care of himself. Atlanta ☎959072

CLEAN-CUT AQUARIUS
SBM, 18, Aquarius, smoker, 5'8", 155lbs, light complexion, brown eyes, clean-cut, slim, outgoing, seeks compatible man, 20-25, for dating and possible LTR. Atlanta ☎570617

IT TAKES TWO
SBM, 19, Taurus, smoker, hazel-green eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, low hair cut, moustache, goatee, slim, versatile bottom, seeks slim, masculine man, 18-35, for dating and LTR. Lilburn ☎583466

SEEKING COMPANION
Attractive, masculine, financially secure GBM, 38, 5'11", 195lbs, seeks GBM for friendship and companionship. All calls will be answered. Lithonia ☎959031

SEEKS MUSCLES
SWM, 54, 5'10", 210lbs, blue eyes, hairy chest, with all-over tan, Libra, N/S, seeks man, 22-65, gym type, smooth body a plus. Douglasville ☎512737

PASSIONATE BLACK MALE
Very masculine BM, 40ish, looks younger, 180lbs, muscular, dark complexion, passionate, energetic, spiritual, enjoys working out, dinners, movies, jazz, rap, dancing, cuddling, seeks the same in a man, 25-45, N/S. Decatur ☎578343

COCOA DOPPELGANGER
GBPM, 45, identical twin, 5'11, 175lbs, attractive, healthy, educated. Seeks attractive, beefy, hairy, dominant, 38-45, 6'2", 200lbs+, to enjoy beaches, dinner parties, quiet time, low-key. Northside ☎553200

RELIEF FROM STUDYING
SBM, 19, bookworm, seeks occasional friend, male, 20-24 who enjoys, tennis, computers, conversation, movies, dinner, good times. Clarkston ☎554384

AWAITING YOUR CALL
Loving, affectionate SM, 40, 5'8", 175lbs, brown/brown, enjoys horseback riding, nature hikes, day trips, quiet times home, snuggling, more. Seeking like-minded man, to share the good things in life. ☎534279

LET'S TALK
Attractive BM, 5'5", 145lbs, submissive bottom, reddish-brown hair, seeking dominant top. Age/race open. Atlanta ☎559228

EVER AFTER
GBM, 43, looking for a partner I can share a romantic, caring, and affectionate relationship with. Decatur ☎645418

GEORGIA OUTDOORSMAN
SWM, 32, seeks SM, 18-35, for friendship and fun, race unimportant. I like the outdoors, camping, hiking, country music. Mount Airy ☎542939

SEXY GUY!
SWM, 38, hoping to meet another sexy guy for possible relationship. Talk to you soon! Winston ☎640893

HEY THERE
Handsome SWM, Sagittarius, smoker, seeks WM, 28-28, smoker, who enjoys clubbing, dancing and just simply having fun. Knoxville ☎549375

LOOKING FOR YOU
Attractive, fun, light-complected SBM, 38, Libra, non smoker, seeks man, 18-49, for dating and more. Gainesville ☎551399

LOOK ME UP
GWM, 21, 200lbs, blond/green, seeks GWM, to enjoy hanging out, good conversations, clubbing, movies and maybe something more. ☎534597

INTERESTED?
SBM, 23, spontaneous and outgoing seeks similar, good-humored man to enjoy all life offers. ☎534799

SIMPLE
SM, open-minded, fun and sweet, seeks good-natured, outgoing man to share friendship, good conversations, hanging out and maybe something more. ☎540397

COP AND A GENTLEMAN
SBM, 44, 6'1", 216lbs, athletic build, short black/brown (sometimes wears glasses), sincere, caring, easygoing, Taurus, N/S, enjoys cooking, plays. Seeking kind, sensitive, homebody type, 20-42. Macon ☎509684

SENSE OF HUMOR A MUST
Light-hearted SM, 42, 6'2", 180lbs, brown hair, boy-next-door features, likes movies, reading, music, plays. Seeking male with similar interests. Atlanta ☎959035

Women Seeking Women

A LOT TO OFFER
GWF, 29, 5'3", 140lbs, brown/brown, enjoys travel, reading, movies, the beach. Seeking outgoing, caring GF, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎673472

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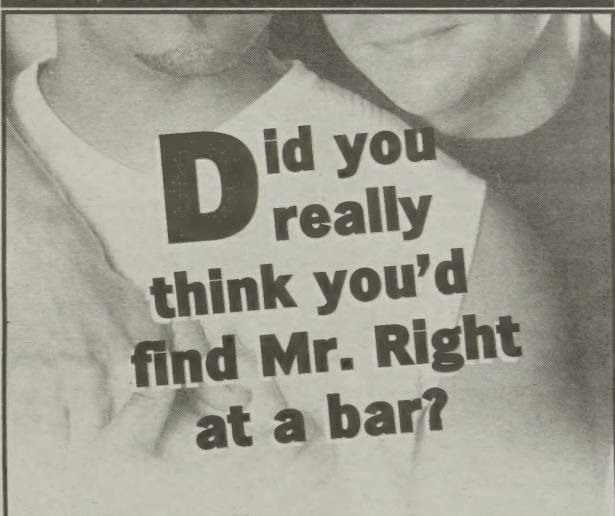

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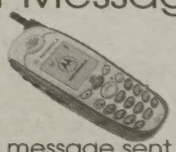

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GBF, 44, full-figured, seeks SGF, 40-60, emotionally secure and not into drama, who enjoys quiet times and stimulating conversation, for friendship. No bisexuals please. Sandy Springs. Atlanta ☎554779

NO DRAMA
GWF, 39, 5'5", 140lbs, brown/brown, fun-loving, seeks a simple, non-complicated friendship with GF, H/W proportionate, to have fun with, possible romance. ☎675821

LOOKING FOR LASTING LOVE
SWPF, 36, 5'3", medium build, enjoys working out, movies, cooking, music, travel. Seeking very romantic gentleman to enjoy life with. ☎677774

GREAT PERSONALITY
Athletic, outgoing GWPF, 36, likes kayaking, travel, movies, reading, the arts. Seeking similar GF who is active in her community. ☎678935

EYE CONTACT
Feminine, attractive GWF, 22, beautiful eyes and smile, likes music, bowling, movies. Seeking attractive GF, 21-30. Single moms welcome. ☎681709

THE HUMAN TOUCH
SBF, 30, 5'8", shoulder-length hair, Aquarius, N/S, seeks a kind, caring, easygoing BF, 28-35, N/S, for friendship. ☎652313

IN BRIEF
Jamaican female, 32, 5'6", average build, Taurus, N/S, seeks woman, 27-28, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎654075

I'M THE ONE FOR YOU
GWF, 43, likes walks in the park, social gatherings, classical music, movies. Would like to meet a spiritual, honest, fun-loving GF, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. Birmingham ☎661686

VERY OUTGOING
Loving, fun-loving GBF, 19, single mom, likes bowling, dancing, movies, skating, romantic evenings. Seeking attractive, honest GF with similar interests. Atlanta ☎669828

HARD-WORKING, OUTGOING...
spontaneous SBF, 22, 5'5", average build, Libra, N/S, loves action and romantic movies. Seeking woman, 18 to 35, for friendship, possible romance. ☎653672

VERY SPIRITUAL
GWF, 31, enjoys working out, dining, movies, time with friends. Seeking SF, 28-48, for friendship, maybe more. Hampton ☎638019

SCORPIO SINGLE MOM
GWF, 30, 5'5", 160lbs, brown/brown, butch, seeks feminine, congenial GWF, for friendship, fun, conversation, possible LTR. Take a chance. Duluth ☎622810

GREAT PERSONALITY
GBF, 34, attractive, outgoing, down-to-earth, independent, mature, enjoys travel, quiet times, music, tennis, swimming, reading. Seeking very mature female companion. Lithonia ☎627806

WANT TO JOIN ME?
SF, 25, 5'2", 168lbs, brown complexion, well-groomed, independent, mother of 3, loves movies, shopping, parks more. Seeking very intelligent, down-to-earth, similar, child friendly female, for friendship and fun times. ☎534583

GIVE IT A SHOT!
SF, 18, looking to talk to a female, 18-25. Let's meet and see what we have in common! Atlanta ☎643943

NEW TO TOWN
Female, 33, 5'5", 180lbs, stud, seeks feminine woman, 21-45, who is caring, understanding, and not afraid of a little romance. Clarkston ☎597104

A FRIENDLY HELLO
SWF, 35, attractive, down-to-earth, dominant, out-going, personable, seeks same, 29-45, for companionship, possibly more. It all starts with a friendly hello. Smyrna ☎555789

JUST BE HONEST...
for you never know where it will lead you. SWF, 34, Aries, N/S, seeks a true friendship with a BF, 28-43, who enjoys pool. ☎513317

NO GAME PLAYERS
SBF, 30, 5'5", 165lbs, likes shopping, movies, walks in the park, reading books, romantic dinners. Seeking outgoing SF, 27-37, who knows what she wants. Jonesboro ☎478500

SPARE TIME BUDDY
GBF, 34, enjoys movies, reading, dining out, travel, sports, biking. Seeking GF, with similar interests, for companionship and more. Atlanta ☎341420

LOVELY FEMALE
BF, 5'5", 120lbs, looking for intelligent, outgoing female, 21-30, who likes to have fun. If interested, call me. Atlanta ☎598683

HI LADIES
SBF, 22, 5'7", 130lbs, aggressive, low fade, very attractive and employed, seeks drama-free lady, who's opinionated, goal-oriented and real, for friendship and more. ☎608014

LAID-BACK FEMALE...
36, likes reading, going to movies, anything relaxing. Looking for female who likes doing the same things. Decatur ☎598480

SOMETHING SWEET
SBF, 23, mature, enjoys movies, dining out, traveling and spending time with that special someone. Seeks hard-working, well-educated stud, 20-38, no games please. Atlanta. ☎555875

SOMETHING REAL
Outgoing, honest, feminine GWF, 33, 5', 115lbs, seeks GWF, 30-45, soft butch, for movies, clubs, walks in the park, more. Friendship first. Please be honest. Tucker ☎556926

BELIEVES IN ROMANCE
Professional black femme, 5'7", pleasantly curvy looking for professional BF, 37-50, who can make me laugh. Mableton ☎559695

VERY ATTRACTIVE
BF, 21, 5'5", 130lbs, likes shopping, going to movies, dining out, quiet times at home. In search of very attractive, down-to-earth female, 18-30. Atlanta ☎589758

OUR LOVE STORY
SBF, 41, Virgo, N/S, mature, spiritual, sophisticated, down-to-earth, well-groomed, independent, mother, loves movies, shopping, parks, writes short stories, seeks compatible woman, 37-50. Stone Mountain ☎571850

LOOKING FOR ME?
Sexy, attractive SBF, 22, 5'5", 145lbs, caramel complexion, tattoos, low hair cut, enjoys a good night out. Seeking special, down-to-earth lady for park walks, talks, picnics and maybe LTR. ☎534149

QUALITY TIME
SBF, 42, Pisces, N/S, likes movies, plays, classical music, quality time, jazz, country music, rock, seeks SBF, 32-50, for friendship and dating. Marietta ☎580336

A FULL DECK
Female, 39, Aquarius, employed in communications, enjoys playing cards, movies, and parks. Seeking woman, 38-42. ☎511539

LET'S TALK!
Spiritual SF, 37, cook, enjoys reading, meditation, quiet times. Seeking like-minded, drama-free lady to share friendship and more. Atlanta ☎517497

OUTGOING WOMAN
GBF, 18, 5'4", 160lbs, brown/brown, enjoys movies, music, quiet times, outdoors, sports. Seeking GF, with similar interests, for LTR. Atlanta ☎503248

A LOT TO OFFER
GBF, 36, 5'5", 136lbs, brown/hazel, enjoys sports, travel, the arts, reading, movies, the beach. Seeking attractive, outgoing, feminine, down-to-earth GF, with similar interests, for friendship first. Covington ☎503266

SOUND LIKE YOU?
SF, 47, looking for a woman, 35-55, for swimming, working out, movies, concerts, and relaxation. Decatur ☎484587

ALL GOOD THINGS
SBF, 41, 5'1", with a full figure, is in search of a nice lady who is willing to try anything at least one. Fairfax ☎468601

GOOD COMPANY AWAITS YOU
Tall, slender, attractive GBF, with wholesome qualities, seeks the company of a like-minded spirit; somewhat conservative yet adventurous, romantic idealist, who appreciates intellectual stimulation tempered with good humor. Stone Mountain ☎488277

SPIRITUALLY CENTERED
Mature, straight-forward GPF, 42, enjoys simple life of quality vs. quantity, seeks same, enjoys good conversation, cultural events, reading, companionship. Friendship first and when it's meant to be, maybe more. ☎288400

MATURE SOPHISTICATE
BF, 55, mature sophisticate, seeks same in professional BF to share dining, movies, travel, cultural events and comfortable home life, some discretion required. Stone Mountain ☎959099

Just Friends

SEEKS FRIENDS
GBF, 42, seeks GF, 35-45, who's professional, spiritual, and feminine, for friendship. No smokers, Bi's, drugs or alcoholics. Stone Mountain ☎422721

MY PARTNER AND I...
recently relocated to Atlanta, and are seeking other females with whom to form a friendship, network, social group. Arlington ☎461866

WHITE BOTTOM BOY
WM, 20, 5'10", 165lbs, brown/green, bottom, very smooth, fit, athletic, seeks adventurous top, 18-28, who can take charge in the bedroom. Athens ☎408244

Bisexuals

SPECIAL FRIEND
Bi-curious SBF, 29, Capricorn, N/S, loves basketball, football, and picnics. Seeking Bi-curious or BIF, 29 to 35, N/S, stable. Claremont ☎462011

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SWM SEEKS GIRLY BOY
SWM, 5'6", attractive, well-built, seeks relationship with thin, petite, smooth Hispanic/Asian transsexual, 20+. Serious inquiries. No men. Decatur ☎658793

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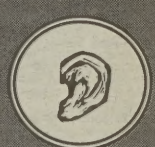

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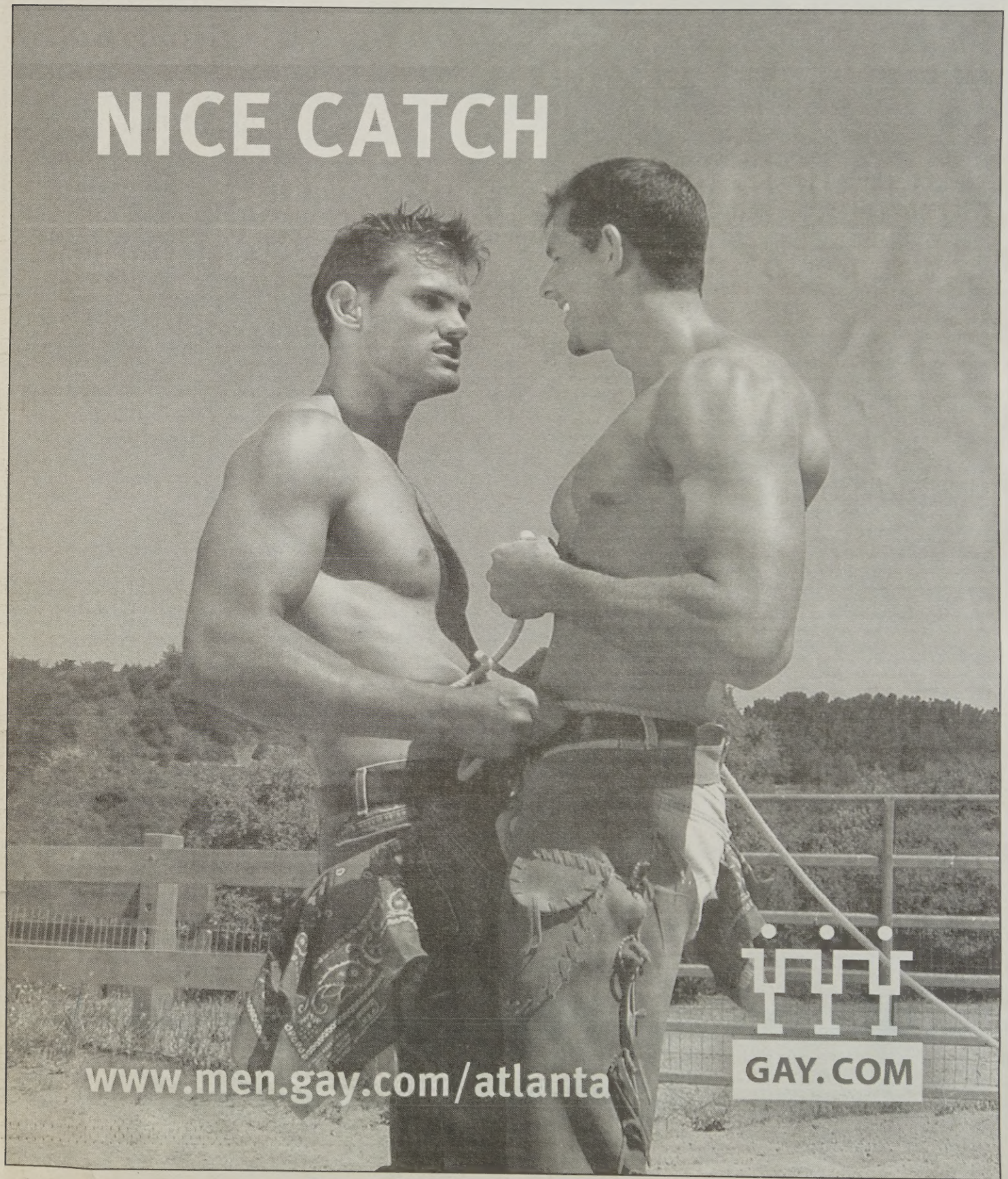
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